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# ABSTRACT OF THE DAILY JOURNAL.

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## FIRST DAY.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, *Wednesday, Aug. 27, 1873.*

THE CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH began its Twenty-second Session in the Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Springfield, Ohio, this morning at nine o'clock, Bishop E. R. Ames presiding, and our venerable senior Bishop Morris being present.

Dr. John F. Wright read selections from the 20th Psalm and the 4th chapter of Ephesians, and announced the 707th hymn; after the singing of which, by the congregation, he led the devotions of the Conference in prayer.

The sacrament of the Lord's-supper was then administered to the ministers and laity present.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and one hundred and three members answered to their names.

W. H. Sutherland was re-elected Secretary; D. J. Starr, Assistant Secretary; A. M. Griffith, Recording Secretary; F. G. Mitchell, Statistical Secretary; R. E. Smith, Assistant; and W. J. Quarry, Secretary of Railroad Passes.

The Standing Committees were constituted as follows:

*On Missions*—The presiding elders.

*On Education*—R. S. Rust, S. B. Smith, M. A. Richards, L. D. M'Cabe, and W. Fitzgerald.

*On Temperance*—J. F. Loyd, J. F. Hull, W. I. Fee, A. W. Tibbits, and T. S. Cowden.

*On Parsonages*—A. N. Spahr, F. Hypes, H. M. Currey, G. W. Kelley, and J. M'K. Shultz.

*On Church Statistics*—S. N. Marsh, J. Wilson, S. W. Carey, J. M. Robinson, and J. R. Hunter.

*On Periodicals*—D. H. Moore, D. J. Starr, G. C. Crum, E. T. Wells, and W. J. Quarry.

*On Post-offices*—N. M'Donald, J. T. Short, E. C. Smith, J. L. Gregg, and E. Burdsall.

*On New York Accounts*—J. Verity.

*On American Bible Society*—J. M. Walden, T. J. Harris, C. H. Lawton, C. Kalbfus, and W. Runyan.

*On Tract Cause*—D. C. Vance, W. B. Jackson, F. M. Clemens, M. P. Gaddis, W. T. M'Mullen.

*On Sunday-school Cause*—M. Kauffman, J. S. Burdsall, J. W. Cassatt, C. W. Cole, J. T. Bail, E. B. Thirkield, J. Pearson, Samuel Hitt, H. M. Keck, and H. Foster.

*On Freedmen's Aid Society*—W. B. Moler, R. M. Hatfield, T. Collett, M. Dustin, and J. P. Porter.

*On Finance*—W. L. Hypes, J. F. Larkin, G. Moody, J. Chambers, W. Young, S. M. Sullivan, C. Ferguson, P. P. Mast, G. M. Edgar, and J. Saylor.

*Conference Stewards*—H. C. Middleton, J. C. Brooke, R. K. Deem, J. Cochlower, W. N. Williams, H. Elliott, S. F. Conrey, E. C. Middleton, S. Weeks, and D. A. M'Colm.

*On Printing Conference Minutes*—T. Lee, S. B. Smith, and D. J. Starr.

*On Church Extension*—W. L. Hypes, E. M'Hugh, S. Bennett, J. F. Marlay, and J. H. Middleton.

*On the Observance of the Sabbath*—J. Murray, A. B. Leonard, W. Herr, N. C. Parrish, R. A. Arthur, J. C. Brooke, Jos. Curtis, C. C. Keifer, J. C. Miller, and W. G. Richards.

*Conference Postmaster*—J. S. Whitney.

*On Memoirs*—J. F. Marlay, T. S. Cowden, W. Herr, W. E. Hines, T. Lee, A. Meharry, J. G. Black, and W. Fitzgerald.

*On Public Worship*—A. Meharry, C. W. Ketcham, L. Clark, and W. I. Ellsworth.

On motion of Dr. Lowrey, a resolution was adopted in relation to the moral quality of reading-matter furnished through the secular press, and the following were appointed a Committee in relation to the subject: J. E. Gilbert, A. Lowrey, S. A. Brewster, J. W. Peters, J. F. Marlay, T. D. W. Peak, C. W. Rowland, W. F. Thorne, H. E. Parrott, E. G. Dial, W. M. Meek.

The following were appointed a Special Committee on Camp-meetings: E. J. Euans, G. Moody, W. Herr, J. W. Mason, F. G. Mitchell, J. W. Dale, Thos. Fox, C. C. Keifer, T. Dreese, H. Foster.

The following were appointed a Special Committee on the Springfield Female College: M. Dustin, R. E. Smith, W. Herr, W. I. Ellsworth, J. F. Chalfant, and D. H. Moore.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last session were adopted.

On motion, J. F. Marlay was appointed on the Committee on the Xenia College, *vice* A. B. Wambaugh, deceased.

On motion of G. Moody, it was resolved that the daily sessions of Conference open at eight o'clock, and close at twelve, and that the first forty-five minutes of the session be devoted to a prayer-meeting.

On motion, the courtesies of the Conference were extended to the representatives of the daily press.

Bishop Ames announced that the Conference were entitled to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$40, and the draft was ordered.

On motion, the Committee on Public Worship were instructed to provide for the holding of a religious service at three o'clock in the afternoons, if practicable.

Documents on Education from Delaware, Evanston, and from the Visiting Committee of the Xenia College, were referred to the Committee on that subject.

W. E. Hines was appointed to receive the funds collected for the Bishops' support.

On motion of J. F. Chalfant, T. S. Cowden was appointed to collect the unpaid subscriptions due the Hillsboro College.

The Bishop announced the transfer of S. L. Yourtee to the Cincinnati Conference by Bishop Merrill, and the transfer of A. B. Leonard from the Pittsburg to the Cincinnati Conference.

Revs. W. H. Black and Spruell, of the Kentucky Conference; Dr. Trimble and brother Monroe, of the Ohio Conference; Dr. Braden, of the Tennessee Conference; and D. H. Moore, recently transferred to the Cincinnati Conference, were introduced by Bishop Ames.

The Bishop called upon C. C. M'Cabe to sing the beautiful hymn beginning,

"There is a spot to me more dear,"

very much to the delight of the congregation; and after giving notices, Conference adjourned with singing the Doxology, Dr. Moody pronouncing the benediction.

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## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, *Aug. 28, 1873.*

CONFERENCE opened at eight o'clock with the usual exercises of a prayer-meeting, conducted by Rev. W. L. Hypes. At its close, Bishop Ames took the chair, and the Secretary read the Journal of yesterday, which was approved.

Bishop Wiley; Rev. W. J. Shuey, Fraternal Delegate from the United Brethren Church; Rev. L. Cunningham and Rev. Tresenrider, of the Ohio Conference; Rev. Barbour, Dr. T. M. Eddy; and Rev. Darlington of the Kentucky Conference, were introduced by Bishop Ames.

The roll of absentees of yesterday was called.

The Bishop announced that S. L. Yourtee had been transferred from the Cincinnati to the North Ohio Conference.

Jno. F. Marlay and T. Collett were added to the Committee on the Springfield Female College.

On motion of G. Moody, the east side of the third window was fixed upon as the bar of the Conference.

The Eighth Question, "*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*" was taken up.

J. C. Maddy, J. Barton, J. W. Stone, B. Glasscock, W. N. Maxey, D. Callahan, A. Murphy, E. H. Field, W. Routledge, N. Callender, J. Boucher, T. A. G. Phillips, R. Brandriff, P. A. Ogden, S. Brown, J. Armstrong, D. Kemper, J. C. Bontecou, W. Webster, and J. A. Reeder were continued in that relation.

A. U. Beall was given an effective relation.

The Seventh Question, "*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*" was taken up, and M. P. Gaddis, D. Warnock, W. H. Lawder, and J. S. Peregrine were continued in that relation, without appointment.

A. E. Higgins and D. D. Cheney were given an effective relation.

James T. Manning was located at his own request.

On motion of G. Moody, D. H. Sargent was granted a local relation.

M. J. Cramer, on motion of T. Lee, was continued in a supernumerary relation, a letter having been received from him, assuring the Conference that he was in impaired health, from which he had hopes of recovery.

The relation of M. G. Purkhiser was changed from supernumerary to superannuated.

J. M. Walden was granted leave of absence for to-morrow.

The Rev. W. J. Shuey, Fraternal Delegate from the Miami Conference of the United Brethren Church, being invited, briefly addressed the Conference, in a very appropriate and happy manner; and, on motion, Bishop Ames was requested to appoint a responding delegate to the Miami Conference.

By request of Bishop Ames, Bishop Wiley took the chair, and the Stewards made their preliminary report.

On motion of W. Herr, the Conference Trustees were directed to pay over to the Conference Stewards whatever funds may be in their hands.

T. Lee presented \$50, which had been given him to be distributed to needy preachers. On motion, he was requested to hand it over to the Stewards for distribution.

A resolution in relation to the examination of preachers before the

Conference by the Bishop, on careful administration of Discipline, was read and laid on the table.

The Tenth Question was taken up, and the examination of the characters of effective elders began. Jas. F. Chalfant, Presiding Elder of the East Cincinnati District, represented his work. Dr. Lowrey, Presiding Elder, represented his work on the West Cincinnati District, the time having been extended for that purpose.

On motion of G. Moody, Bishop Ames, at the request of Conference, appointed a Committee, consisting of G. Moody, M. Dustin, J. F. Marlay, M. A. Richards, and A. N. Spahr, on the administration of Discipline, to whom the paper presented by Dr. Lowrey on that subject was referred.

After the giving of notices, the Conference adjourned, with singing the Doxology, and benediction by C. Ferguson.

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### THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, *Aug. 29, 1873.*

CONFERENCE opened at eight o'clock with the services of a prayer-meeting, conducted by Wm. I. Fee.

At a quarter to nine, Bishop Ames took the chair, and the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

A communication from Dr. E. O. Haven, Secretary of the Board of Education, was received, and referred to the Committee on that subject.

C. W. Ketcham, J. T. Bail, and W. L. Hypes were appointed a Committee on the subject of the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union.

J. W. Weakley moved a reconsideration of the motion by which D. H. Sargent was located, and he was made effective.

L. H. Bugbee was added to the Committee on Education.

The Tenth Question was resumed, and J. W. Weakley, Presiding Elder, represented the state of the Church on Dayton District.

A. Meharry, Presiding Elder, represented the state of the Church on Springfield District.

S. D. Clayton, Presiding Elder, represented the state of the Church on Hillsboro District; and the characters of these elders were passed.

W. Herr, from the Committee on Memorial Services of Rev. A. B. Wambaugh, made a report, which was adopted.

G. Moody presented a resolution on the subject of Presiding Elders' Work, which was adopted.

Bishop Ames introduced to the Conference Rev. brothers Bradley and Fry, of the Ohio Conference, and L. F. Van Cleve, of the Kentucky Conference.

On motion, the Committee on Statistics were instructed to ascertain how many copies of the Minutes the preachers will be responsible for, and report to the Conference as soon as practicable.

On motion, the preachers were instructed to report, with their other collections, the amounts raised for the Church Extension Society. Leave of absence was granted W. H. Lawder and J. C. Bontecou.

The Tenth Question was resumed, and the characters of A. N. Spahr, D. H. Moore, A. Bowers, W. L. Hypes, Geo. T. Weaver, D. C. Vance, M. Kauffman, T. J. Euans, W. B. Moler, C. T. Crum, A. D. Raleigh, W. P. Jackson, James Murray, H. C. Middleton, W. J. Thurber, E. C. Smith, J. F. Loyd, J. F. Wright, J. M. Walden, R. S. Rust, E. House, and T. Lee were passed, those in charge having reported their collections.

Dr. Wright presented a very interesting report of his work as Conference Evangelist, which was ordered to be published in the *Western Christian Advocate*.

The names of the preachers in the West Cincinnati District were called, and the characters of R. M. Hatfield, A. Hamilton, W. A. Robinson, G. Moody, E. M'Hugh, J. S. Pumphrey, J. W. Peters, S. B. Smith, W. B. Jackson, R. L. Vickers, W. Q. Shannon, D. J. Starr, T. J. Harris, F. Hypes, R. K. Deem, S. W. Edmiston, J. W. Cassatt, M. G. Baker, J. F. Hull, N. Prince, L. H. Bugbee, and A. B. Leonard were passed, those in charge having reported their collections.

The names of the preachers of Dayton District were called, and the characters of T. Collett, M. A. Richards, G. H. Kennedy, G. C. Crum, J. C. Deem, S. W. Carey, W. N. Williams, C. F. Gowdy, W. I. Fee, S. Bennett, H. M. Curry, J. J. Hill, J. B. Ellsworth, J. P. Shultz, S. A. Brewster, Wm. Young, J. G. Black, C. H. Lawton, F. M. Clemens, Jas. T. Bail, W. Herr, and Geo. Parrott were passed, those in charge having reported their collections.

On motion, G. Parrott was granted a location.

The names of the preachers in the Springfield District were called, and the characters of L. Clark, C. W. Ketcham, W. I. Ellsworth, James Stephenson, C. Ferguson, A. W. Tibbits, T. E. Fiddler, J. M. Robinson, G. W. Kelley, E. P. James, C. Kalbfus, E. T. Wells, J. Vance, J. W. Mason, J. Kendall, Wm. Mahon, D. Whitmer, S. F. Conrey, J. F. Marlay, M. Dustin, H. Stokes, J. Pearson, J. Verity, A. M. Griffith, N. C.



Parrish, Wm. Simmons, J. L. Grover, J. F. Conrey, and L. D. M'Cabe were passed, those in charge having reported their collections.

The names of the preachers of Hillsboro District were called, and the characters of T. S. Cowden, Wm. Fitzgerald, J. M'K. Shultz, J. R. Hunter, W. E. Hines, G. M. Edgar, G. W. Fee, W. Runyan, M. P. Zink, W. T. M'Mullen, H. M. Keck, S. Weeks, R. E. Smith, J. L. Gregg, W. H. Sutherland, J. H. Middleton, W. J. Quarry, J. P. Porter, F. G. Mitchell, and J. M'D. Mathews were passed, those in charge having reported their collections.

J. W. Weakley rose to a question of privilege, and referred to an anonymous communication in the *Gazette* of this date, in which he, as the author of a resolution offered in Conference in reference to camp-meetings, was charged with hostility to the National camp-meetings. He disavowed all such feelings, and wished to be so understood.

Rev. Mr. Bennett, Pastor of the Congregational Church, and Revs. Newton and Farley, of the Central Ohio Conference, were introduced by Bishop Ames.

The time having been extended, the Stewards presented and read their report.

W. Herr moved that James Armstrong's name be restored to the list of Conference claimants.

A similar motion was made concerning the name of Mrs. Marlay; and, on motion, the whole subject was referred to the Stewards, with reference to their special consideration of these cases.

After the giving of notices, Conference adjourned, with singing the Doxology, and the benediction by M. Kauffman.

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## FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, *Aug. 30, 1873.*

CONFERENCE opened at eight o'clock with the usual services of a prayer-meeting, led by Rev. Wm. Young. At its close, Bishop Ames took the chair, and the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

W. I. Ellsworth was added to the Committee on Education.

The Seventh Question, "*Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*" was taken up.

O. A. Brown was reported as having been transferred to the Troy Conference.

On motion of M. Dustin, it was ordered that, in all cases where an undergraduate fails to pass his examinations, in whole or in part, he shall be required to pass an examination on the omitted studies next year.

After the presentation of favorable reports in their respective cases by the examining committees and the presiding elders, and the report of their collections, the characters of T. DeWitt Peak, Wm. Mahon, Henry Miller, and Jas. E. Gilbert were passed, and brothers Peak and Gilbert were elected to elders' orders, the others having been ordained last year.

The Sixth Question, "*Who are the Deacons?*" was taken up.

W. M. Boyer, J. Wilson, J. S. Whitney, Edward Burdsall, and E. C. Smith, an elder of last year, reported their collections, and their characters passed.

None of the class had studied Whately's Logic.

Leave of absence was granted A. M. Griffith for to-day.

Dr. Eddy, being obliged to leave, briefly addressed the Conference.

The Fourth Question, "*Who are admitted into full connection?*" was taken up, and Lucian M. Davis, J. E. Gilbert, C. J. Wells, Lafayette Young, Daniel L. Hayward, and Chas. H. Kalbfus were called forward, and addressed by Bishop Ames in a very suggestive and impressive manner. Having satisfactorily answered the usual Disciplinary questions, and having, with one exception, assured the Conference that they are not addicted to the use of tobacco or opium in any form, they were admitted into full connection, and, excepting J. E. Gilbert, who had been previously ordained, were elected to deacons' orders.

Bishop Wiley took the chair, and leave of absence was granted E. C. Smith, H. M. Keck, and J. P. Shultz.

The Bishop called for recommendations for local elders' and deacons' orders.

Ralph S. Hagerman, having been properly recommended from the East Cincinnati District, and favorably represented by his presiding elder and examiners, was elected to local elders' orders.

John C. Ambrose, from Hillsboro District, was, upon like representation, elected to local deacon's orders.

Joseph I. Taggart and David Gaddis, from Hillsboro District, were, on like representations, elected to local elders' orders.

A. Bowers presented a resolution relating to the time of some of the Conference examinations, which was adopted.

On motion of J. Pearson, a committee was appointed, consisting of one member from each class of examiners, to devise a uniform plan of examination.

G. Moody offered a resolution, which was adopted, requesting the transfer of Rev. W. H. Black from the Kentucky to the Cincinnati Conference.

J. F. Marlay and others presented a resolution expressive of the gratification of the Conference in having Bishop Foster as a resident Bishop within its bounds. The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

G. Moody offered a resolution expressive of the deep and keen regret felt by the Conference for the necessity of the removal of Bishops Wiley and Merrill from our midst. Adopted also, by a rising vote.

Dr. Rust, from the Committee on Education, reported in part, and Dr. Trimble, Agent of the Ohio Wesleyan University, was invited to address the Conference; but, in order to secure sufficient time, this was made the order of the day for Monday at ten o'clock.

The stewards made their revised report, which was adopted as the basis of distribution.

The Secretary requested the appointment of a committee to audit his accounts for the publication of the Minutes of 1871, and D. H. Moore and J. T. Bail were appointed for that purpose.

J. T. Bail was appointed by Bishop Ames to conduct the opening services Monday morning.

E. T. Wells was appointed, in place of J. T. Short, on the Committee on Post-offices.

The time was extended, and Monday afternoon at three o'clock was fixed upon as the time for holding the Conference memorial services.

After the giving of notices, Conference adjourned with the Doxology and benediction.

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## FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, *Sept. 1, 1873.*

CONFERENCE opened at eight o'clock, with a prayer-meeting conducted by Rev. J. T. Bail.

Bishop Ames not having arrived, and the time for the transaction of business having come, W. Herr was requested, by vote of Conference, to take the chair, and the Secretary began the reading of Saturday's Journal. During the reading, the Bishop entered, and the Minutes were approved.

Bishop Ames presented a certificate of yesterday's ordinations.

On motion, it was resolved that when Conference adjourn, it be to meet at three o'clock for memorial services.

W. J. Thurber, having asked it, was granted a location.

W. I. Ellsworth was granted a superannuated relation.

On motion, the trustees of Pleasant Hill Church, Centenary Circuit; of Wesley Church, Moorefield Circuit; of Bethel Church, Oxford Station; of High-street Church, Ladies' Home Mission, Cincinnati,—were granted permission to sell such property for reinvestment of the proceeds, according to the Discipline.

The Third Question, "*Who remain on trial?*" was taken up.

Joseph C. Acomb, John W. Sutherland, John N. Irvin, John T. Short, Wm. N. Brodbeck, John C. Ambrose, Joseph C. Boltin, Wm. H. Smith, Daniel L. Aultman, David V. Ross, having been represented by their presiding elders and examiners, and those in charge having reported their collections, their characters were passed, and they were continued on trial. John N. Irvin was reported to have sustained a satisfactory examination also on the studies of the second year. W. H. Smith was reported deficient in his studies, not having been prepared on Psychology, Church History, and Homiletics.

Bishop Wiley took the chair.

The order of the day was taken up; and that part of the report of the Committee on Education relating to the Ohio Wesleyan University was presented, and Dr. Trimble addressed the Conference in behalf of that institution.

Brothers P. P. Mast, R. S. Rust, and J. M. Walden followed with remarks on the same subject; after which, the resolutions of the Committee on Education, regarding the University, were adopted by a rising vote.

G. Moody presented the report of the Committee on Camp-meetings.

J. F. Conrey moved that the resolutions be considered *seriatim*. Carried.

On motion of J. M. Walden, the first resolution was amended; after which, it was adopted.

The second resolution was read, and, after some discussion, a substitute offered for it, by D. J. Starr, was adopted.

Bishop Ames appointed Dr. Rust to preside at the afternoon session; and Dr. J. F. Wright to lead the devotional exercises to-morrow morning.

On motion of S. B. Smith, R. Brandriff was added to the Committee on Memoirs.

The time having expired, after the giving of notices, Conference adjourned with the Doxology and benediction.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**MONDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 1, 1873.*

PURSUANT to adjournment, Conference reassembled at three o'clock, Dr. R. S. Rust in the chair. Religious services were conducted by Rev. George H. Dart. The Journal of this morning's session was read and approved.

Fifteenth Question, "*Who have died this year?*" was taken up.

The memoir of Rev. A. B. Wambaugh was read by Rev. W. N. Williams; the 1077th hymn was sung, and Rev. William L. Hypes offered prayer. Touching remarks were made by Revs. William Simmons, William L. Hypes, William Herr, J. M. Walden, W. N. Williams, W. I. Ellsworth, J. F. Wright, and G. Moody, and the report of the Committee was adopted.

Rev. T. S. Cowden read the memoir of Rev. George J. Conner; affecting remarks were made by Revs. W. Fitzgerald, a part of the 598th hymn was sung, and the report of the Committee was adopted.

The memoir of Rev. Wesley Rector was read by Rev. J. G. Black; remarks were made by Rev. S. Bennett, and the report of the Committee was adopted. The Conference then sang one verse of the hymn beginning with—

"How sweet it will be, in that beautiful land!"

Rev. Thomas Lee read the memoir of sister Sarah A. Rust, wife of Dr. R. S. Rust, of this Conference; remarks were made by Revs. J. F. Wright, D. H. Moore, William Young, and J. M. Walden; one verse was sung of the hymn beginning with—

"On Jordan's stormy banks I stand;"

and the report was adopted.

Rev. W. Herr read the memoir of sister Mary Sutherland, wife of Rev. W. H. Sutherland; after which, and the hearing of touching and appropriate remarks by brothers Moody, Simmons, and Young, and the singing of the beautiful hymn,

"Calling us away,"

the report was adopted.

Rev. R. Brandriff read the memoir of Mrs. Lucinda Boucher, wife of Rev. Joshua Boucher; and, after remarks by Rev. M. Dustin, the report was adopted.

Rev. W. Herr read the memoir of Elizabeth Smith Davisson, widow of Rev. D. D. Davisson, which was adopted, after the singing of—

“I would not live alway.”

The report as a whole was then adopted, and the papers were referred to the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee on Memoirs, to be prepared for publication. Conference ordered that they be published in the Conference Minutes, and the session was adjourned with the benediction by Rev. E. H. Field.

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## SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 2, 1873.*

CONFERENCE opened at eight o'clock with a prayer-meeting, led by Dr. J. F. Wright. At a quarter of nine o'clock, Bishop Ames took the chair, and the Journal of the last session was read and approved.

The Twenty-second Question was taken up, and Wilmington, Trinity Church, Cincinnati, and Oxford were put in nomination; after which, Wilmington was fixed upon as the place of the next session of Conference.

A. W. Tibbits offered a resolution requesting the bishops to change the time of our annual sessions to the last week in September or the first week in October. The resolution was defeated by a large vote.

On motion of J. M. Walden, the Secretary of the Conference was instructed to furnish to the other patronizing conferences a copy of our action taken yesterday regarding the Ohio Wesleyan University.

On motion of S. D. Clayton, R. A. Arthur was given a superannuated relation.

The remaining resolutions of the report of the Committee on Camp-meetings were adopted, and, the preamble having been laid on the table, the report as a whole was adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Administration of Discipline was presented by G. Moody, and adopted.

A. Lowrey presented a paper on the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which was adopted.

J. F. Chalfant presented the report of the Committee on Missions, which was adopted.

N. C. Parrish and J. L. Grover were given a superannuated relation.

A collection was taken up for the sexton, amounting to \$18.89.

By request of the Bishop, Dr. Moody took the chair.

A. B. Leonard presented the report of the Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath, which was adopted, and ordered to be published in the *Western Christian Advocate*, and read in the pulpits.

J. T. Bail presented the report of the Committee appointed to audit the Secretary's accounts, and it was adopted.

R. M. Hatfield read the report of the Committee on the Freedmen's Aid Society, and it was adopted.

F. Hypes presented the report of the Committee on Parsonages, which was adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society was directed to pay twenty-five dollars to the Committee on the Publication of Minutes for the insertion of his report.

Dr. Hatfield moved that brethren pay their missionary subscriptions, given at the anniversary meeting, to Dr. Hitchcock, at Cincinnati. The motion was adopted.

J. T. Bail presented the report on the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union, which was adopted, and the following officers of the Conference Society were elected:

*President*—W. I. FEE.

*Vice-Presidents*—W. HERR, W. L. HYPES, and J. T. BAIL.

*Secretary*—J. F. MARLAY.

*Corresponding Secretary*—D. J. STARR.

W. L. Hypes presented the report of the Committee on Church Extension, which was adopted, and ordered to be published in the Minutes.

S. B. Smith presented the remainder of the report of the Committee on Education, which was adopted; and the whole report was adopted.

T. Collett presented the report of the Special Committee on the Springfield College, which was adopted.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to furnish the names of the visitors to the Garrett Biblical Institute to the officers of that institution, at an early date.

Dr. Hoyt, editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, was introduced by Bishop Ames.

The Committees of Examination were appointed by Bishop Ames.

The Bishop submitted the names of the following as Triers of Appeals: M. Kauffman, M. Dustin, J. F. Marlay, T. J. Harris, T. S. Cowden, S. Weeks, W. Fitzgerald; which were confirmed by Conference.

M. Dustin presented a report of Special Committee on Xenia College, which was adopted.

It was ordered that the certificate of the stock of the Cincinnati Con-



ference in the Xenia College be committed to the Trustees of the Conference, which was accordingly done.

G. Moody read the report of the Committee on a Financial Plan for the Charges of the Conference, and it was adopted.

J. C. Bontecou read a paper relating to the late Dr. John Seys, which was adopted.

The action of the Conference of last year, relating to the Stewards' work, was readopted, and the funds were distributed as per report.

J. E. Gilbert presented the report of the Committee on the Secular-Press, which was adopted.

W. Runyan presented the report of the Committee on American Bible Society, which was adopted.

D. H. Moore presented the report of the Committee on Periodicals, which was adopted.

W. Herr presented the report of the Conference Trustees, the nominations of which were confirmed.

Bishop Ames resumed the chair.

F. M. Clemens presented the report of the Committee on the Tract Cause, which was adopted.

D. C. Vance presented the report of the Treasurer of the Tract Society, and it was ordered to be published in the Minutes.

J. F. Loyd read the report of the Committee on Temperance; and on motion, the time of the session was extended. On motion, the report was committed to Revs. Walden, Moody, Lowrey, Loyd, Dustin, and Fee, to be prepared for publication.

W. H. Black was transferred to the Cincinnati Conference, and made effective.

Dr. J. F. Wright and C. W. Rowland were appointed delegates to the Evangelical Alliance, to meet in New York in October next.

On motion, the report on Sunday-schools was ordered to be printed in the Minutes, without reading.

S. B. Smith read the report of the funds received for educational purposes, and the nominations therewith presented were confirmed.

W. Herr was appointed delegate to Miami Conference of the United Brethren Church.

J. Pearson presented the report on Uniform Examinations, which was adopted.

J. W. Weakley presented complimentary resolutions relating to Bishop Ames's presiding, which were adopted.



Conference united in prayer, led by Bishop Ames, in behalf of our beloved senior Bishop Morris, who is dangerously ill.

The Treasurer of Bishops' Collections presented his report, which was adopted.

Conference tendered thanks to the citizens for their hospitality, to the Churches of this city for courtesies extended, and to the trustees of this church for the privilege of its occupancy.

The officers of the Conference Sunday-school Union were nominated and elected, and ordered to be published in Minutes.

Officers of the Tract Society of last year were re-elected.

Thanks of the Conference were tendered to the railroads that have conveyed members and visitors at reduced rates.

A. Meharry was requested to convey to the family of Bishop Morris the action of this Conference with reference to the illness of the Bishop.

The Secretary was authorized to arrange with the railroads next year for reduced fares.

A collection of \$65.14 for Rev. R. A. Arthur was taken up.

G. Moody presented resolutions in relation to our beloved senior Bishop Morris. Adopted by a rising vote.

Treasurers of various Conference Societies were authorized to pay for the publication of their reports in the Minutes.

Conference, by a rising vote, tendered thanks to the Secretaries for their services.

Thanks were also tendered the reporters and the Stewards of Conference.

J. L. Gregg was allowed longer time to return papers relating to his case.

The Journal was read and approved. And, on motion, Conference adjourned, with the reading of the Appointments, Doxology, and benediction by Bishop Ames.

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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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QUESTION 1. *Have any entered this Conference by transfer or readmission?*

ANSWER. S. L. Yourtee, A. B. Leonard, W. H. Black, C. M. Cole, and D. H. Moore, by transfer.

QUESTION 2. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 3. *Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER. Jos. C. Acomb, J. W. Sutherland, John N. Irvin, John T. Short, W. N. Brodbeck, John C. Ambrose, Jos. C. Boltin, W. H. Smith, Daniel L. Aultman, and David V. Ross.

QUESTION 4. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANSWER. Lucian M. Davis, J. E. Gilbert, Chas. J. Wells, Lafayette Young, Daniel L. Hayward, and Chas. H. Kalbfus.

QUESTION 6. *Who are the Deacons of the second class?*

ANSWER. W. M. Boyer, J. Wilson, J. S. Whitney, and Ed. Burdsall.

QUESTION 7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

ANSWER. T. DeWitt Peak and Jas. E. Gilbert.

QUESTION 8. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

ANSWER. M. P. Gaddis, D. Warnock, W. H. Lawder, J. S. Peregrine, and M. J. Cramer.

QUESTION 9. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

ANSWER. John C. Maddy, John Barton, J. W. Stone, B. Glasscock, W. N. Maxey, D. Callahan, A. Murphy, E. H. Field, W. Routledge, P. A. Ogden, S. Brown, Jas. Armstrong, T. A. G. Phillips, R. Brandriff, N. Callender, J. Boucher, D. Kemper, J. C. Bontecou, W. Webster, Jos. A. Reeder, M. G. Purkhiser, W. I. Ellsworth, R. A. Arthur, N. C. Parrish, and Jas. L. Grover.

QUESTION 10. *Was the character of each Preacher examined?*

ANSWER. It was.

QUESTION 11. *Have any located?*

ANSWER. Jas. T. Manning, Geo. Parrott, and W. J. Thurber, at their own request.

QUESTION 12. *Have any withdrawn?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 13. *Have any been transferred?*

ANSWER. S. L. Yourtee, to the North Ohio Conference; O. A. Brown, to the Troy Conference; A. E. Higgins, R. R. Meredith, and D. D. Cheney, to the New England Conference; John W. Peters, to the Ohio Conference; E. F. Hill, to the Kansas Conference.

QUESTION 14. *Have any been expelled?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 15. *Who have died?*

ANSWER. Wesley Rector, Geo. J. Conner, Abraham B. Wambaugh.

QUESTION 16. *What is the Statistical Report?*

ANSWER. (See Report.)

QUESTION 17. *What are the Claims upon the Conference Funds?*

ANSWER. (See Stewards' Report.)

QUESTION 18. *What has been received on the foregoing Claims, and how has it been applied?*

ANSWER. (See Stewards' Report.)

QUESTION 19. *Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*

ANSWER. J. C. Ambrose was ordained a deacon; and R. S. Hagerman, Jos. I. Taggart, and David Gaddis were ordained elders.

QUESTION 20. *Are any Literary or Theological Institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?*

ANSWER. (See Report on Education.)

QUESTION 22. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*

ANSWER. (See Appointments.)

QUESTION 23. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*

ANSWER. At Wilmington, Ohio. Time to be fixed by the Bishops.

## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

**Work for Presiding Elders.**

WHEREAS, there is general dissatisfaction among our people with the present size of our presiding elders' districts; and *whereas*, there is within the bounds of the Conference much territory unoccupied by Methodism; therefore,

*Resolved*, That it be understood by this Conference that those who are appointed presiding elders shall give special attention to the occupation and cultivation of our unoccupied territory.

J. P. SHULTZ,  
J. G. BLACK,

W. Q. SHANNON,  
GRANVILLE MOODY,  
*and twenty others.*

**Bishop Foster.**

WHEREAS, the Rev. R. S. Foster, D. D., one of the recently elected Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has, in accordance with the provision of the General Conference for the distribution of episcopal residences, selected Cincinnati, within the bounds of our Conference, as his future home; and *whereas*, Bishop Foster was born, converted, and spent the first years of his able and useful ministry in Ohio; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Cincinnati Conference, hereby extend to Bishop Foster a most hearty welcome to our midst, and sincerely trust that his residence among us may be mutually pleasant and profitable.

J. F. MARLAY,	W. HERR,	L. D. M'CABE,
J. F. WRIGHT,	J. W. WEAKLEY,	W. I. FEE,
S. D. CLAYTON,	WM. H. SUTHERLAND,	JAS. F. CHALFANT.
R. M. HATFIELD,	A. LOWREY,	

**Bishops Wiley and Merrill.**

RESOLVED, That we deeply feel and keenly regret the necessity for the removal of Bishops Wiley and Merrill from our midst; that we greatly miss their genial presence, wise and godly counsel; that we learn without surprise of their usefulness in their respective episcopal districts, and that we hope often to meet them within our bounds.

**The Daily Press.**

ON motion of A. Lowrey, a committee of five was appointed to consider and report upon the immoral character and corrupting tendency of much of the matter introduced into the daily press, and flung into Christian homes.

**Time for Examinations.**

RESOLVED, That we fix the day for the examination of Conference classes and the candidates for admission on trial on the day preceding the

first day of the Conference session annually, and the examination of local deacons and elders on the Friday of each session, and that we publish the same in our Conference Minutes.

A. BOWERS,	M. DUSTIN,
A. HAMILTON,	M. P. GADDIS, SR.
GEO. C. CRUM,	

**Society Treasurers.**

RESOLVED, That the Treasurers of Sunday-school, Tract, Educational, and Church Extension Societies be authorized to pay for the space in the Minutes occupied by their financial reports.

**Bishop Ames.**

RESOLVED, That the visit of our venerable Bishop E. R. Ames has been a source of great pleasure and spiritual profit, both in Conference session and the cabinet, and we assure him that we will always give him a most cordial welcome, while we shall pray that his life and health may long be spared to bless the Church with his wise counsel.

JAS. F. CHALFANT,	GRANVILLE MOODY,	DAVID J. STARR,
J. W. WEAKLEY,	W. I. FEE,	WM. H. SUTHERLAND,
WM. HERR,	J. F. MARLAY,	R. M. HATFIELD.

**The late Dr. John Seys.**

WHEREAS, the late Dr. John Seys was a member of the Cincinnati Annual Conference at his death; and *whereas*, he was, from the commencement of his ministry to almost its conclusion, connected with our mission-work, having led our first and oldest foreign missionary enterprise in Liberia, west coast of Africa, to a successful issue in the formation of an annual conference, with its bishop, its schools and press, for aggressive work; and *whereas*, he led the first expedition of emigrants from the United States of America into the interior of Africa, to test the question whether a more safe and speedy acclimation could not be found on the highlands of the interior than on the lowlands of the coast, and it being found that the little colony of forty-five almost universally escaped the coast-fever, and accordingly commenced their settlement on Mount Cary, where now rises a city in miniature, with its church and church-going bell, calling the surrounding natives to the worship of the true God; and *whereas*, from his Christian integrity, his general intelligence and varied experience among the African race, President Pierce appointed him Commissioner of Recaptured Slaves on the coast of Africa, and was continued by Mr. Buchanan, under whose administration four thousand recaptured Africans were thrown on his hands within ten days in a state of nudity and starvation, involving great responsibility and outlay of four hundred thousand dollars, in all of which he was faithful; and President Johnson, selecting him as the prominent and best man for Minister Resident from the Government of the United States to the Republic of Liberia; and *whereas*, he filled all these stations of trust and honor, with fidelity to the Church and honor to the country; be it, therefore,

*Resolved*, By the Cincinnati Annual Conference, that we advise the

Book Agents of Cincinnati to negotiate with Mrs. Doctor Seys for the publication of his journals, and such of his correspondence and papers as may in their judgment be useful in the general history and missionary literature of the Church.

G. MOODY,  
L. D. M'CABE,

H. M. KECK,  
J. C. BONTECOU.

**Conference Stewards' Resolutions.**

1. **RESOLVED**, That a sum equivalent to ten per cent of the salaries paid in each presiding elder's district shall be the amount expected from the same; and the District Stewards are hereby requested to distribute the same to the respective charges, according to the ability of each.

2. *Resolved*, That we hereby pledge ourselves to present this claim to our people as early in the year as practicable, giving it that prominence its merits demand.

3. *Resolved*, That in the passage of character, each pastor shall be requested to report the amount of his collection.

4. *Resolved*, That any pastor who may neglect to present this claim to his charge, or shall lightly excuse himself therefrom, will thereby expose himself to just censure.

5. *Resolved*, That estimating committees, in complying with the Discipline (sec. 482), request claimants to furnish to the Estimating Committee appointed by the quarterly conference, and to the Board of Stewards of the Annual Conference, a full statement, in writing, annually, on the first day of Conference, of their financial condition, and that no claims should be considered without such financial statement.

J. C. BROOKE, *Chairman*.

S. WEEKS, *Secretary*.

**Ohio Wesleyan University.**

**RESOLVED**, That if the Bishop does not make an appointment of an agent for the Ohio Wesleyan University, we will welcome any agent whom the Executive Committee of the University may employ.

**Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.**

WHEREAS, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society seems to bear the seal of an inspiration from God; and *whereas*, it has done, and is doing, a large work of evangelism; and *whereas*, it proposes not to interfere with the larger collections on behalf of the Parent Society, but, Ruth-like, to glean after the reapers; and *whereas*, the operations of the Society have had the effect to develop and appropriate the grand and beautiful gifts of many women which have heretofore lain dormant; and *whereas*, those sisters who have identified themselves with missionary activities are the most ardent promoters of all our social institutions and spiritual means of grace; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we hail with peculiar satisfaction and thankfulness the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

2. *Resolved*, That we recognize in it an efficient and timely auxiliary of our missionary enterprise and general redemptive work.

3. *Resolved*, That we cordially invite the officers and members of this Society to visit our charges severally, that they may carry out the objects of their institution and every-where shed their mellow and hallowing light, and make their benedictions and usefulness universal.

4. *Resolved*, That we hereby pledge ourselves to facilitate their appropriate work, and promptly aid them in every place to "gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." A. LOWREY.

**Rev. W. H. Black.**

*Resolved*, That we recommend the transfer of our dear brother, Rev. W. H. Black, of the Kentucky Annual Conference, to the Cincinnati Annual Conference, believing that such transfer will be for the good of the general work of our midst.

GRANVILLE MOODY,  
W. FITZGERALD,  
JOHN F. WRIGHT.



# REPORTS.

## STEWARDS' REPORT.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	SALARIES.			House Rent..	Fifth Collect'n
		Paym'ts	Receipts.	Deficits..		
EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.	J. F. Chalfant, P. E.	\$1,200 00	\$1,190 00	\$10 00	\$500	
Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel.	A. N. Spahr.....	1,600 00	1,600 00		Par.	\$140 00
Trinity.....	D. H. Moore.....	3,000 00	3,000 00		600	318 55
Asbury.....	J. E. Gilbert.....	1,700 00	1,900 00		Par.	121 00
Pearl-street.....	A. Bowers.....	1,100 00	1,100 00			38 25
Mt. Auburn.....	G. T. Weaver.....	800 00	800 00		400	31 00
Walnut Hills.....	W. L. Hypes.....	2,000 00	2,000 00		500	240 00
Grace Church.....						109 00
M'Kendree.....	G. H. Dart.....	1,160 00	1,160 00		240	60 00
High St. Pend. & Colum'a.	L. E. Prentiss.....	494 00	494 00		121	11 75
Madisonville.....	D. C. Vance.....	900 00	900 00		37	81 00
Mt. Washington.....	M. Kauffman.....	800 00	800 00		240	20 56
Newtown.....	T. J. Euans.....	800 00	769 64	30 36	100	17 00
Milford.....	W. B. Moler.....					57 72
Centenary.....	C. T. Crum.....	700 00	624 75	75 25		18 00
Loveland and Maineville...	A. D. Raleigh.....	1,000 00	1,000 00			70 00
Butlerville.....	E. C. Smith.....	800 00	750 00	50 00	Par.	27 93
South Lebanon and Zoar...	W. P. Jackson.....	460 00	410 00	50 00	90	8 00
Lebanon.....	J. Murray.....	1,000 00	1,000 00		Par.	90 30
Miami Circuit.....	R. S. Hagerman.....	700 00	700 00			11 00
Amelia.....	L. M. Davis.....					48 25
"	N. M'Donald.....					
Goshen.....	J. F. Loyd.....	830 00	735 00	92 00	Par.	27 80
Laurel.....	S. N. Marsh.....	600 00	600 00			57 00
"	C. H. Kalbfus.....	520 00	520 00		80	
Moscow.....	J. S. Whitney.....	680 00	680 00		120	39 00
New Richmond.....	H. C. Middleton.....	800 00	630 00	170 00	Par.	14 15
Higginsport and Chilo.....	W. J. Thurber.....					2 65
Cedron.....	S. Weeks.....					7 35
Total.....		\$23,644 00	\$23,166 39	\$477 61	\$3,024	\$1,667 26
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.	A. Lowrey, P. E.					
Cincinnati: St. Paul.....	R. M. Hatfield.....	4,000 00	4,000 00		Par.	454 00
Mears Chapel.....	A. Hamilton.....	1,260 00	1,260 00		240	
St. John's.....	A. B. Leonard (6 mo.)	1,000 00	1,000 00		325	40 00
Christie.....	W. A. Robinson.....	2,000 00	2,060 00		480	130 00
Finley.....	H. Miller.....					
York-street.....	G. Moody.....	1,140 00	1,140 00		360	30 95
M'Lean.....	E. M'Hugh.....	1,500 00	1,500 00		300	34 40
Fairmount.....	J. N. Irvin.....	1,000 00	1,000 00			15 00
Cumminsville & West Union	J. S. Pumphrey.....	832 00	732 00	100 00	168	45 29
Winton Place.....	J. W. Peters.....	1,200 00	1,200 00		300	36 75
Hartwell and Carthage.....	W. W. Locke.....					5 50
Lockland.....	S. B. Smith.....	1,100 00	1,100 00		Par.	80 00
Port Union.....	W. B. Jackson.....	600 00	600 00		20	9 00
Cheviot.....	R. L. Vickers.....					51 05
Bethany.....	W. Q. Shannan.....	800 00	800 00		Par.	22 30
Hamilton.....	D. J. Starr.....	1,200 00	1,200 00			116 84
Oxford.....	T. J. Harris.....	1,100 00	1,100 00		Par.	47 00
Venice.....	F. Hypes.....					64 15
"	J. W. Sutherland.....					
Harrison.....	R. K. Deem.....	700 00	700 00		120	36 00
North Bend.....	S. W. Edmiston.....					17 30
Eaton.....	J. W. Cassatt.....	1,500 00	1,500 00		Par.	57 00
Camden.....	M. G. Baker.....					
"	W. H. Smith.....	493 00	493 00			60 00
Seven-mile.....	J. Wilson.....	450 00	450 00			6 25



# STEWARDS' REPORT.

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CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	SALARIES.			House Rent...	Fifth Collect'n
		Salaries	Receipts.	Deficit.		
New Paris.....	J. F. Hull.....	\$600 00	\$431 00	\$169 00	Par.	\$3 80
Sharonville and W. Chester.	N. H. Prince.....	750 00	750 00	.....	Par.	19 20
Total.....		\$23,225 00	\$22,956 00	\$269 00	\$2,313	\$1,381 74
DAYTON DISTRICT.....	J. W. Weakley, P. E..	1,350 00	1,250 00	100 00	350	.....
Dayton: Grace Church.....	M. A. Richards.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	250 00
Raper Chapel.....	T. Collett.....	1,600 00	1,600 00	.....	300	66 00
Sears-street.....	G. H. Kennedy.....	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	1 00
Davison Chapel.....	J. T. Short.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Troy.....	G. C. Crum.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43 03
Tippecanoe and Kessler.....	W. N. Brodbeck.....	750 00	750 00	.....	.....	21 40
Addison.....	J. C. Deem.....	.....	.....	.....	Par.	16 85
".....	L. Young.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord.....	S. W. Carey.....	625 00	540 00	85 00	Par.	15 82
Lewisburg.....	W. N. Williams.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 30
".....	C. J. Wells.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winchester and Germant'n	C. F. Gowdy.....	500 00	400 00	100 00	.....	1 20
Piqua: Green-street.....	W. I. Fee.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	Par.	50 00
Grace Church.....	S. Bennett.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	150	13 90
Lockington.....	T. Wones.....	500 00	472 00	28 00	.....	9 15
Fletcher.....	H. M. Curry.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 65
Paris and Lena.....	J. J. Hill.....	750 00	750 00	.....	.....	18 00
Brant.....	J. B. Ellsworth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 75
Miamisburg.....	J. P. Shultz.....	900 00	900 00	.....	Par.	42 75
Franklin.....	S. A. Brewster.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	175	50 00
Red Lion and Springboro...	W. Young.....	900 00	900 00	.....	Par.	16 00
Fairfield.....	J. G. Black.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par.	31 50
New Carlisle.....	C. H. Lawton.....	900 00	811 52	88 48	.....	25 75
Middletown.....	F. M. Clemens.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	176	22 00
Monroe.....	J. T. Bail.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	65 00
Total.....		\$15,575 00	\$15,173 52	\$401 48	\$1,151	\$807 65
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.....	A. Meharry, P. E.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Springfield: High-street.....	L. Clark.....	1,650 00	1,650 00	.....	.....	150 00
Central Church.....	C. W. Ketcham.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	Par.	90 00
Mission.....	W. I. Ellsworth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church.....	J. Stephenson.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	66 64
Second Church.....	C. Ferguson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
King's Creek.....	A. W. Tabbits.....	750 00	750 00	.....	Par.	106 81
".....	T. E. Fiddler.....	700 00	700 00	.....	Par.	.....
Mingo and Tabor.....	J. M. Robinson.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par.	19 25
North Lewisburg.....	G. W. Kelley.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	50 00
East Liberty.....	E. P. James.....	700 00	700 00	.....	Par.	20 00
Tremont.....	C. Kalbfus.....	800 00	800 00	.....	100	21 00
Mechanicsburg.....	E. T. Wells.....	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	81 97
Catawba.....	J. Vance.....	718 00	718 00	.....	Par.	51 00
".....	D. L. Hayward.....	375 00	375 00	.....	.....	.....
Moorefield.....	E. Burdall.....	680 00	655 00	25 00	Par.	50 00
South Charleston.....	J. W. Mason.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	90 00
Yellow Springs.....	J. Kendall.....	900 00	900 00	.....	Par.	40 00
Old Town.....	W. Mahon.....	550 00	430 88	119 12	90	34 00
Jamestown.....	D. Whitmer.....	850 00	850 00	.....	.....	69 25
".....	S. F. Conrey.....	750 00	750 00	.....	.....	.....
Xenia: First Church.....	J. F. Marlay.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....	Par.	102 00
Trinity.....	M. Dustin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00
New Burlington.....	H. Stokes.....	600 00	600 00	.....	.....	15 00
".....	Overhultz.....	600 00	600 00	.....	.....	.....
Waynesville.....	J. Pearson.....	.....	.....	.....	Par.	33 00
Union.....	J. Verity.....	850 00	850 00	.....	} 120	50 25
".....	A. M. Griffith.....	750 00	750 00	.....		
Raysville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morrow.....	N. C. Parrish.....	750 00	600 00	150 00	132	10 00
Total.....		\$20,573 00	\$20,278 88	\$294 12	\$342	\$1,310 17
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.....	S. D. Clayton, P. E..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hillsboro.....	T. S. Cowden.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....	Par.	103 58
Greenfield.....	W. Fitzgerald.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	73 10
New Lexington.....	J. M'K. Shultz.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 00
".....	J. R. Hunter.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Highland.....	G. J. Conner, (pt. yr.)	420 00	420 00	.....	.....	.....
".....	W. E. Hines.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
".....	H. W. Leever.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 70

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	SALARIES.			House Rent...	Fifth Collect'n
		Salaries	Receipts.	Deficits..		
Sinking Springs.....	T. D. W. Peak.....	\$700 00	\$700 00	.....	Par.	\$20 00
".....	D. V. Ross.....	485 00	485 00	.....	\$40	.....
West Union.....	W. M. Boyer.....	600 00	520 00	\$80 00	Par.	14 00
Winchester.....	G. M. Edgar.....	800 00	700 00	100 00	Par.	19 20
Sardinia.....	R. A. Arthur.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
".....	J. Ambrose.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lynchburg.....	G. W. Fee.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58 20
Wilmington.....	W. Runyan.....	1,085 00	1,085 00	.....	Par.	55 00
Clarks ville.....	M. P. Zink.....	900 00	795 30	104 70	Par.	71 20
Bowersville.....	J. I. Taggart.....	600 00	600 00	.....	100	33 00
Batavia.....	W. T. M' Mullen.....	675 00	600 00	75 00	.....	29 25
".....	H. M. Keck.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Felicity.....	S. Weeks.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par.	41 25
Bethel.....	R. E. Smith.....	600 00	600 00	.....	Par.	11 00
Feesburg.....	J. L. Gregg.....	750 00	750 00	.....	Par.	50 05
".....	J. C. Boltin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ripley.....	W. H. Sutherland.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	68 00
Georgetown.....	J. H. Middleton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
".....	W. E. Hines.....	700 00	700 00	.....	Par.	28 00
Manchester.....	J. P. Porter.....	750 00	750 00	.....	Par.	20 75
Decatur.....	W. J. Quarry.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00
".....	D. L. Aultman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburg.....	F. G. Mitchell.....	850 00	850 00	.....	.....	37 50
Marathon.....	J. F. Rapp.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 70
Total.....	.....	\$14,415 00	\$14,055 30	\$359 70	\$140	\$819 48

## RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	SALARIES.			House Rent..	Fifth Collect'n
	Salaries	Receipts.	Deficits..		
East Cincinnati.....	\$23,644 00	\$23,166 39	\$477 61	\$3,024	\$1,667 26
West Cincinnati.....	23,225 00	22,956 00	269 00	2,313	1,381 74
Dayton.....	15,575 00	16,173 52	401 48	1,151	807 65
Springfield.....	20,573 00	20,278 88	294 12	342	1,310 17
Hillsboro.....	14,415 00	14,055 30	359 70	140	819 98
Totals.....	\$97,432 00	\$95,630 09	\$1,801 91	\$6,970	\$5,986 80

QUESTION. 17. What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?

ANSWER.....\$13,901 91

QUESTION 18. What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?

ANSWER. From charges.....\$5,986 80  
 From Chartered Fund..... 40 00  
 From Mears's estate..... 144 85  
 From Kessler's estate..... 129 45

Total..... \$6,301 10

## Applied as follows;

J. C. Maddy.....	\$309 00	Mrs. Stroud.....	\$206 40
Wm. Routledge.....	309 00	T. A. G. Phillips.....	154 80
E. H. Field.....	206 40	J. A. Reeder.....	154 80
A. Murphy.....	206 40	Mrs. A. Brown.....	154 80
A. U. Beall.....	206 40	Mrs. Shinn.....	154 80
N. Callender.....	206 40	Mrs. Nation.....	154 80
Mrs. West.....	206 40	Mrs. Sharp.....	154 80

Mrs. Lorrain.....	\$154 80	Mrs. Marlay.....	\$103 20
Mrs. Lovell.....	154 80	Mrs. Miller.....	103 20
Mrs. Fyffe.....	154 80	Mrs. I. I. Beall .....	103 20
Mrs. Hartley.....	154 80	Mrs. E. D. Roe.....	103 20
Mrs. Owens.....	154 80	Miss J. Smith.....	103 20
Mrs. Morrow.....	154 80	Mrs. Cooper.....	103 20
Mrs. Newson.....	154 80	Mrs. White .....	103 20
Mrs. Hall.....	154 80	Mrs. James Smith.....	77 40
Mrs. Harris.....	154 80	Mrs. R. O. Spencer.....	77 40
Mrs. Fowble.....	154 80	B. Glasscock .....	77 40
Mrs. Neff.....	154 80	Carrie Rowe.....	51 60
Mrs. Meredith.....	129 00	John Barton.....	50 00
Mrs. Swormstedt.....	129 00	Stationery .....	5 00
Mrs. Musgrove.....	129 00	Mrs. Tomlinson, to correct a mistake of last year.....	20 00
J. Boucher.....	129 00	Surplus to Mrs. Lorrain by vote of Conference.....	13 15
Mrs. Tomlinson.....	103 20		
Mrs. Barton.....	103 20		

## STEWARDS.

JOHN C. BROOKE, *Chairman.*  
 SYLVESTER WEEKS, *Secretary.*  
 W. N. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*  
 R. K. DEEM,  
 S. F. CONREY,

H. C. MIDDLETON,  
 L. HITCHCOCK,  
 H. ELLIOTT,  
 JOHN COCHNOWER,  
 E. C. MIDDLETON.

## COLLECTIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.

## EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Pearl-street, A. Bowers.....	\$4 00
Loveland, A. D. Raleigh.....	5 00
Milford, W. B. Moler.....	5 62
New Richmond, H. C. Middleton...	4 00
Moscow, J. S. Whitney.....	8 00
Asbury, J. E. Gilbert.....	7 23
Laurel, S. N. Marsh.....	15 00
Newtown, T. J. Euans.....	3 20
Amelia, L. M. Davis.....	15 00
Goshen, J. F. Loyd.....	14 30
South Lebanon and Zoar, W. B. Jackson.....	2 25
Miami, R. S. Hagerman.....	11 00
Higginsport and Chilo.....	5 00
Mt. Washington, M. Kauffman.....	19 00
Madisonville, D. C. Vance.....	20 00
Wesley Chapel, A. N. Spahr.....	25 00
M'Kendree, G. H. Dart.....	20 00
Trinity, per J. F. Chalfant.....	75 00
Avondale, per J. F. Chalfant.....	52 50

## WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Hamilton, D. J. Starr.....	27 27
Port Union, W. B. Jackson.....	4 27
Christie, W. M. Robinson.....	27 15
North Bend, S. W. Edmiston.....	3 60

Sharonville, N. Prince.....	\$2 00
Hartwell and Carthage, W. W. Locke.....	6 00
Harrison, R. K. Deem.....	6 10
Cummins ville and West Union, J. S. Pumphrey.....	8 14
M'Lean, E. M'Hugh.....	11 00
Camden, W. H. Smith.....	7 00
New Paris, J. F. Hull.....	50
Venice, F. Hypes.....	11 00
St. Paul, R. M. Hatfield.....	60 00
Lockland, S. B. Smith.....	14 55
St. John's, A. B. Leonard.....	17 20

## DAYTON DISTRICT.

Lewisburg, W. N. Williams.....	14 75
Concord, S. W. Carey.....	4 10
Tippecanoe and Kessler, W. N. Brodbeck.....	6 00
Red Lion and Springboro, W. Young.....	6 48
Grace, Piqua, S. Bennett.....	10 06
Brant, J. B. Ellsworth.....	4 02
Paris and Lena, J. J. Hill.....	13 00
Lockington, T. Wones.....	6 25
Franklin, S. A. Brewster.....	10 15
Monroe, J. T. Bail.....	7 16
Fairfield, J. G. Black.....	5 70

## SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

South Charleston, J. W. Mason....	\$5 00
Morrow, N. C. Parrish.....	1 00
High-street, Lucian Clark.....	10 00
East Liberty, E. P. James.....	10 00
Mechanicsburg, E. T. Wells.....	5 00
Catawba, J. Vance.....	5 00
Mingo and Tabor, J. M. Robinson...	6 95
Old Town, W. Mahon.....	10 00
Yellow Springs, J. Kendall.....	13 35
Trinity, Xenia, M. Dustin.....	9 60
Union, J. Verity.....	10 00
King's Creek, A. W. Tibbits .....	25 00
North Lewisburg, G. W. Kelley.....	5 00
New Burlington, H. Stokes.....	5 55
Moorefield, E. Burdsall.....	2 00
Central, Springfield, C. W.	
Ketcham.....	6 75

## HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Ripley, W. H. Sutherland.....	\$5 00
Sinking Springs, T. D. W. Peak...	28 00
New Lexington, J. M'K. Shultz...	5 00
West Union, W. M. Boyer.....	5 00
Georgetown, W. E. Hines.....	4 55
Bowersville, J. I. Taggart.....	2 00
Manchester, J. P. Porter.....	10 00
Hillsboro, T. S. Cowden.....	15 64
Highland, H. W. Leever.....	5 30
Felicity, S. Weeks.....	1 00
Clarksville, M. P. Zink.....	5 00
Decatur, W. J. Quarry.....	8 00
Greenfield, W. Fitzgerald.....	16 80

Total..... \$846 06

W. E. HINES, *Treasurer.*

## FINANCIAL PLAN.

WE recommend an intelligent assessment of the amount necessary to meet the claims of the presiding elder and pastors on the several societies of a circuit, and on the individual members of the Church.

Let this assessment be presented to each member for his approval, increase, or diminution, as each one may determine, and then return said amount to the stewards, as the assets of said Board of Stewards.

Divide these accepted or amended assessments among the class-leaders and stewards—say twenty names, more or less, to each one—and make it the duty of these to collect these amounts weekly or monthly, and to furnish each member with a monthly statement of his account, and make final report of each member to the stewards before each quarterly conference.

Let the recording steward make written report of the class-leaders and stewards to the quarterly conference, and to the love-feast of each quarterly conference, exhibiting the deficit belonging to each class-leader's or steward's division of twenty, as aforesaid.

Request the presiding elder to use his influence in keeping the finances paid up each quarter, so that deficiencies shall not accrue, to be carried forward from quarter to quarter.

Should any charge prefer the envelope plan, they are at liberty to use it.

We also recommend the prompt removal of inefficient or neglectful stewards and class-leaders.

CHARLES FERGUSON,  
WILLIAM L. HYPES,  
GRANVILLE MOODY,  
JOHN M. EDGAR.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

1. *RESOLVED*, That unfermented wine alone should be used in the administration of the sacrament of the Lord's-supper.

2. *Resolved*, That we are more than ever convinced that legal prohibition of the manufacture, sale, or use of intoxicating liquor for a beverage, is a condition of the removal and cure of the evil of intemperance; and we hereby pledge our utmost endeavor to inaugurate so wise and salutary a dispensation.

3. *Resolved*, That we most earnestly entreat our people to contribute to this end by ceasing at once to encourage the traffic, whether by the sale of grain or materials to be used in the manufacture, or by themselves manufacturing wines, cordials, or any drinks whatever that are in any degree intoxicating.

4. *Resolved*, That drunkenness is no excuse for crime, but is itself a crime forbidden by the law of God under high penalties, and should be so regarded and treated in both civil and criminal jurisprudence.

5. *Resolved*, That while we can never be satisfied with any thing less than the entire destruction of the liquor-traffic, yet we can but regard as a step toward that end the enactment of laws making this vast system of iniquity responsible for the losses and woes which have been so recklessly inflicted upon a long-suffering and too patient people.

6. *Resolved*, That we not only regard the manufacture, sale, or use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, morally wrong, but we also most earnestly protest against our members giving any encouragement to the liquor-traffic, by signing petitions for license, by voting to grant licenses, by renting property for such purposes, or by directly or indirectly helping in any other way to promote intemperance.

7. *Resolved*, That we, as a Conference, hereby petition the present Constitutional Convention of Ohio to incorporate in the proposed new Constitution of our State an article prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

8. *Resolved*, That we should make special effort to secure the nomination and election to office of strictly temperance men; and we hereby urge both ministry and laity to scan carefully the ballots they deposit at the polls, and purge from them the names of all candidates who either publicly or privately use intoxicating drinks, or wink at the evil.

9. *Resolved*, That we utterly despair of the general enforcement of temperance laws in our towns and cities by the efforts of police officers.

10. *Resolved*, That it is the duty of all good citizens to aid in enforcing these laws, wherever opportunity occurs, by personally entering complaint before proper officers against offenders.

11. *Resolved*, That we hereby urge upon our ministers, and commend to our people, the importance of forming organizations for the purpose of enforcing our wholesome temperance laws, by informing against, and promptly and fearlessly bringing to justice, all who violate them, that we may not only promote the peace and prosperity of our people, but may also open the way for a more rapid extension of Christ's kingdom.

12. *Resolved*, That since the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and their

use as a beverage, is an evil affecting our whole country, the time has fully come when our National Legislature should brand such traffic and use as a pernicious evil, and enact prohibitory laws for the District of Columbia and the Territories, and cause them to be enforced.

A. W. TIBBITS, *Chairman.*

J. F. LOYD, *Secretary.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE MISSION-ARY SOCIETY.

APPOINTMENTS.	Subsistence-school.	Congregation...	TOTAL.
EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.			
Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel, by Rev. A. N. Spahr.	\$187 40	\$317 10	\$504 50
Trinity, by Rev. D. H. Moore.....	521 06	1,109 15	1,630 21
Asbury, by Rev. J. E. Gilbert.....	179 37	101 04	280 41
Pearl-street, by Rev. A. Bowers.....	.....	.....	112 55
Mt. Auburn, by Rev. G. T. Weaver.....	60 00	28 00	88 00
Walnut Hills, by Rev. W. L. Hypes.....	150 00	350 00	500 00
Grace Church.....	.....	.....	103 00
M'Kendree, by Rev. G. H. Dart.....	74 43	110 00	184 43
High-street, Pendleton, and Columbia.....	.....	.....	52 10
Madisonville, by Rev. D. C. Vance.....	75 00	135 00	210 00
Mt. Washington, by Rev. M. Kauffman.....	49 50	80 50	130 00
Newtown, by Rev. T. J. Euans .....	.....	60 00	60 00
Milford, by Rev. W. B. Moler.....	.....	.....	75 00
Centenary, by Rev. C. T. Crum.....	.....	64 00	64 00
Loveland and Maineville, by Rev. A. D. Raleigh..	50 00	36 00	86 00
Butlerville, by Rev. E. C. Smith.....	2 80	41 71	44 51
South Lebanon and Zoar, by Rev. W. P. Jackson..	.....	25 75	25 75
Lebanon, by Rev. J. Murray.....	25 19	92 40	117 59
Miami, by Rev. R. S. Hagerman.....	.....	47 00	47 00
Amelia, by Rev. L. M. Davis.....	.....	90 90	90 90
Laurel, by Rev. S. N. Marsh.....	15 00	175 00	190 00
Moscow, by Rev. J. S. Whitney .....	.....	105 00	105 00
New Richmond, by Rev. H. C. Middleton.....	15 00	38 00	53 00
Higginsport and Chilo, by Rev. W. J. Thurber....	.....	6 95	6 95
Goshen, by Rev. J. F. Loyd.....	42 25	86 40	128 65
Cedron, by Rev. S. Weeks.....	.....	18 05	18 05
Total.....	.....	.....	\$4,907 60
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.			
Cincinnati: St. Paul, by Rev. R. M. Hatfield.....	600 00	1,200 00	1,800 00
St. John's, by Rev. A. B. Leonard .....	214 53	4 25	218 78
Christie, by Rev. W. A. Robinson.....	100 00	303 45	403 45
Finley, by Rev. H. Miller.....	.....	.....	.....
York-street, by Rev. G. Moody.....	30 38	49 80	80 18
M'Lean, by Rev. E. M'Hugh.....	100 00	.....	100 00
Fairmount, by Rev. J. N. Irvin.....	.....	15 00	15 00
Cumminsville and West Union, by Rev. J. S. Pumphrey.....	.....	85 12	85 12



APPOINTMENTS.	Sabbath-school.	Congregation...	TOTAL.
Winton Place, by Rev. J. W. Peters.....	.....	\$77 46	\$77 46
Hartwell and Carthage, by Rev. W. W. Locke.....	.....	13 65	13 65
Lockland, by Rev. S. B. Smith.....	\$25 00	151 05	176 05
Port Union, by Rev. W. B. Jackson.....	8 00	32 00	40 00
Bethany, by Rev. W. Q. Shannon.....	50 23	55 72	105 95
Hamilton, by Rev. D. J. Starr.....	47 39	107 30	154 69
Oxford, by Rev. T. J. Harris.....	.....	111 70	111 70
Venice, by Rev. F. Hypes.....	4 20	66 65	70 85
Harrison, by Rev. R. K. Deem.....	.....	20 00	20 00
Eaton, by Rev. J. W. Cassatt.....	60 00	168 75	228 75
Camden, by Rev. W. H. Smith.....	.....	.....	82 00
Seven-mile, by Rev. J. Wilson.....	.....	30 85	30 85
New Paris, by Rev. J. F. Hull.....	2 00	6 35	8 35
Sharonville and West Chester, by Rev. N. Prince.....	.....	38 25	38 25
Total.....	.....	.....	\$3,861 08
DAYTON DISTRICT.			
Dayton: Grace Church, by Rev. M. A. Richards.....	.....	.....	618 56
Raper Chapel, by Rev. T. Collett.....	300 00	100 00	400 00
Buckeye and Dayton City Mission.....	.....	.....	.....
Sears-street, by Rev. G. H. Kennedy.....	.....	12 00	12 00
Davison Chapel, by Rev. J. T. Short.....	.....	20 00	20 00
Troy: Mulberry-street and Franklin-street, by Rev. G. C. Crum.....	75 00	69 65	144 65
Tippecanoe and Kessler, by Rev. W. N. Brodbeck.....	.....	43 50	43 50
Addison, by Rev. J. C. Deem.....	.....	75 45	75 45
Concord, by Rev. S. W. Carey.....	.....	62 00	62 00
Lewisburg, by Rev. W. N. Williams.....	.....	43 25	43 25
Winchester and Germantown, by Rev. C. F. Gowdy.....	.....	5 60	5 60
Piqua: Green-street, by Rev. W. I. Fee.....	100 00	50 00	150 00
Grace Church, by Rev. S. Bennett.....	.....	20 00	20 00
Lockington, by Rev. T. Wones.....	.....	16 10	16 10
Fletcher, by Rev. H. M. Currey.....	20 10	40 75	60 85
Paris and Lena, by Rev. J. J. Hill.....	.....	43 00	43 00
Brant, by Rev. J. B. Ellsworth.....	.....	18 40	18 40
Miamisburg, by Rev. J. P. Shultz.....	20 00	52 35	72 35
Franklin, by Rev. S. A. Brewster.....	15 00	68 00	83 00
Red Lion and Springboro, by Rev. W. Young.....	.....	58 35	58 35
Fairfield, by Rev. J. G. Black.....	4 61	67 79	71 40
New Carlisle, by Rev. C. H. Lawton.....	36 58	115 77	152 35
Middletown, by Rev. F. M. Clemens.....	30 00	57 15	87 15
Monroe, by Rev. J. T. Bail.....	40 64	139 36	180 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$2,437 96
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.			
Springfield: High-street, by Rev. L. Clark.....	192 05	191 29	383 34
Central, by Rev. C. W. Ketcham.....	.....	240 00	240 00
Urbana: First Church, by Rev. J. Stephenson.....	.....	260 05	260 05
Second Church, by Rev. C. Ferguson.....	100 00	266 50	366 50
King's Creek, by Rev. A. W. Tibbits.....	4 45	120 55	125 00
Mingo and Tabor, by Rev. J. M. Robinson.....	.....	66 45	66 45
North Lewisburg, by Rev. G. W. Kelley.....	.....	90 00	90 00

APPOINTMENTS.	Sabbath-school.	Congregation...	TOTAL.
East Liberty, by Rev. E. P. James.....	.....	\$60 00	\$60 00
Tremont, by Rev. C. Kalbfus.....	\$10 18	112 77	122 30
Mechanicsburg, by Rev. E. T. Wells.....	23 94	264 11	288 05
Catawba, by Rev. J. Vance.....	.....	130 50	130 50
Moorefield, by Rev. E. Burdsall.....	80 00	50 00	130 00
South Charleston, by Rev. J. W. Mason.....	16 10	165 45	181 55
Yellow Springs, by Rev. J. Kendall.....	34 86	95 14	130 00
Old Town, by Rev. W. Mahon.....	.....	71 50	71 50
Jamestown, by Rev. D. Whitmer.....	64 90	357 92	422 82
Xenia: First Church, by Rev. J. F. Marlay.....	135 11	152 25	287 36
Trinity, by Rev. M. Dustin.....	40 98	68 35	109 33
New Burlington, by Rev. H. Stokes.....	.....	43 40	43 40
Waynesville, by Rev. J. Pearson.....	67 39	64 61	132 00
Union, by Rev. J. Verity.....	.....	.....	200 26
Morrow, by Rev. N. C. Parrish.....	.....	10 00	10 00
Total.....	.....	.....	\$3,850 41
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.			
Hillsboro, by Rev. T. S. Cowden.....	121 75	155 85	277 60
Greenfield, by Rev. W. Fitzgerald.....	19 54	107 30	126 84
New Lexington, by Rev. J. M'K. Shultz.....	4 13	133 18	137 31
Highland, by Rev. H. W. Leever.....	.....	.....	121 15
Sinking Springs, by Rev. T. D. W. Peak.....	.....	115 00	115 00
West Union, by Rev. W. M. Boyer.....	.....	90 00	90 00
Winchester, by Rev. G. M. Edgar.....	31 50	85 80	117 30
Lynchburg, by Rev. G. W. Fee.....	.....	117 35	117 35
Wilmington, by Rev. W. Runyan.....	31 05	62 00	93 05
Clarksville, by Rev. M. P. Zink.....	7 81	137 34	160 15
Bowersville, by Rev. J. I. Taggart.....	.....	138 00	138 00
Batavia, by Rev. W. T. M'Mullen.....	.....	110 40	110 40
Felicity, by Rev. S. Weeks.....	5 50	23 50	29 00
Bethel, by Rev. R. E. Smith.....	.....	.....	73 01
Feesburg, by Rev. J. L. Gregg.....	.....	102 65	102 65
Ripley, by Rev. W. H. Sutherland.....	19 68	170 32	190 00
Georgetown, by Rev. W. E. Hines.....	.....	.....	37 75
Decatur, by Rev. W. J. Quarry.....	.....	184 00	184 00
Manchester, by Rev. J. P. Porter.....	13 00	68 00	81 00
Williamsburg, by Rev. F. G. Mitchell.....	34 87	65 48	100 35
Marathon, by Rev. J. W. Rapp.....	.....	25 80	25 80
Total.....	.....	.....	\$2,427 71
Part of bequest of Thomas Robertson, deceased, by Rev. L. M. Davis,			
Pastor of Amelia Circuit.....	.....	.....	\$160 00
Paid on subscription made at Anniversary.....	.....	.....	186 00
Recapitulation.			
East Cincinnati District.....	.....	.....	\$4,907 60
West Cincinnati District.....	.....	.....	3,861 08
Dayton District.....	.....	.....	2,437 96
Springfield District.....	.....	.....	3,850 41
Hillsboro District.....	.....	.....	2,427 71
			\$17,484 76



Total from Districts.....	\$17,484 76
Bequests.....	160 00
Anniversary subscription paid.....	186 00
Total.....	\$17,830 76

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Paid for publishing report in Minutes.....	\$25 00
Paid Hitchcock & Walden, at Springfield.....	11,131 52
Paid Hitchcock & Walden, at Cincinnati, as per receipts.....	6,674 24
	\$17,830 76
J. FORD CONREY.	

### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

**Missionary Appropriations made at the Cincinnati Conference, held at Springfield, Ohio, August 27—September 2, 1873.**

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT—Pendleton and Columbia.....	\$500 00
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT—M'Lean Chapel.....	\$300 00
Fairmount.....	500 00
New Paris.....	150 00
Harrison.....	300 00
	950 00
DAYTON DISTRICT—Davisson Chapel and Sears-street.....	400 00
	\$1,850 00

A. LOWREY, *Chairman*.

JAMES F. CHALFANT, *Secretary pro tem*.

I approve the above appropriations.

E. R. AMES, *Bishop*.

### REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

YOUR Committee is impressed with the fact that this Society does not receive the attention from ministers and people which its great utility deserves. It is classed among the infant societies, and the great heart of the Church, as yet, has not been brought to feel its vast importance. Yet, through the faithfulness and liberality of a small minority, it has done much in establishing our beloved Church in remote parts of our land. In the past six years, it has aided, by loan or grant, in the erection or purchase of six hundred temples of worship, scattered over thirty-six states of our Union.

This institution is established upon a wise financial basis; her officers and agents are men of tact, ability and piety. Her object is to aid worthy necessitous cases. In some instances, a donation is made; in other instances, a loan is granted, with or without interest, according to the nature of the case. The money loaned, in due time is collected, and applied elsewhere in building sanctuaries for the Lord. And thus these means may be applied until the Church of Christ is established in all the world.

If we consider a few facts, we will see the vast importance of speedy action upon the part of the Church in this noble cause. The revolution in the South has opened the way for this enterprise. The struggling Churches in all her borders are calling for help. The great railroad of our country has opened up our continent even to the Pacific Coast, and in all parts of the West the country is being peopled with the different tribes of earth. These people will have some kind of religion; and whatever form is first offered, the masses will accept. Other Churches and fraternities, many of which are antagonistic to evangelical religion, are at work, and are anxious to take the field. The Papal Church is taking advantage of the occasion, and sending her missionaries and erecting her churches. Infidel doctrines of every phase are taught, and the unbeliever would claim the land as his. And even heathen temples have been erected upon American soil. Now is the time to work. "Let us go up and possess the land, for we are fully able."

The practical question with this Conference is, What can we do to aid in this noble enterprise? We answer, Let us furnish the means. Let every pastor bring this subject before his congregation, and plead for it till the people are awake to its interests. The common excuse offered, "We have so many collections," is no reason for neglecting this. No man gives too much to the Lord. Our people need to be taught benevolence; and many have yet to learn that giving is a means of grace, and that every institution which has for its object the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom has a claim upon our liberality. When the whole Church reaches this point, it will come to pass that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the tops of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow into it.

W. L. HYPES, *Chairman.*

J. F. MARLAY, *Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

### EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

M'Kendree Charge, Geo. H. Dart.	\$10 00
Walnut Hills, W. L. Hypes.....	75 00
Miami, R. S. Hagerman.....	6 00
Madisonville, D. C. Vance.....	55 00
Asbury, J. E. Gilbert.....	10 30
Trinity, D. H. Moore.....	100 00
Mt. Washington, M. Kauffman...	15 00
Laurel, S. N. Marsh.....	5 00
Newtown, T. J. Euans.....	3 25
Amelia, L. M. Davis.....	13 95
Wesley Chapel, A. N. Spahr.....	13 00
Goshen, J. F. Loyd.....	25 15
Butlerville, E. C. Smith.....	15 00
Centenary, Cary-T. Crum.....	6 00
Milford, W. B. Moler.....	8 46
Higginsport, W. J. Thurber.....	5 00
Loveland and Maineville, A. D. Raleigh.....	10 00
Pearl-street, Cincinnati, A. Bow- ers.....	16 00

New Richmond, H. C. Middleton.	\$3 60
Grace Church, Avondale.....	31 50
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	\$427 26

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Eaton, J. W. Cassatt.....	57	00
St. Paul Church, Cincinnati, R. M. Hatfield.....	200	00
Cumminsville and West Union, J. S. Pumphrey.....	7	45
Lockland, S. B. Smith.....	20	50
Bethany, W. Q. Shannon.....	21	60
Hamilton, D. J. Starr.....	47	80
Port Union, W. B. Jackson.....	4	60
New Paris, J. F. Hull.....	1	05
St. John's, Cincinnati, A. B. Leonard.....	2	20
Camden, W. H. Smith.....	15	00
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	\$377	20

## DAYTON DISTRICT.

Grace Church, Dayton, M. A. Richards.....	\$81 50
Franklin, S. A. Brewster.....	5 30
Troy, George C. Crum.....	10 00
Tippecanoe and Kessler, W. N. Brodbeck.....	2 45
Green-street, Piqua, W. I. Fee...	12 00
Monroe, J. T. Bail.....	9 60
Fairfield, J. G. Black.....	3 00
Fletcher, H. M. Currey.....	50
Lewisburg, W. N. Williams.....	2 70
Paris and Lena, J. J. Hill.....	5 50
Lockington, T. Wones.....	1 35
New Carlisle, C. H. Lawton.....	38 55
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	\$172 45

## SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

King's Creek, Tibbits and Fiddler	16 00
Waynesville, John Pearson.....	15 00
North Lewisburg, G. W. Kelley...	5 00
High-Street, Springfield, Lucian Clark.....	30 00
Mingo and Mt. Tabor, J. M. Robinson.....	6 00
Jamestown, D. Whitmer.....	60 25
First Xenia, J. F. Marlay.....	35 35
Catawba, J. Vance.....	5 50
Trinity, Xenia, M. Dustin.....	8 15
South Charleston, J. W. Mason...	30 00
Union Circuit, A. M. Griffith.....	19 00

Mechanicsburg, E. T. Wells.....	\$71 92
Moorefield, E. Burdsall.....	9 05
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	\$310 22

## HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Felicity, S. Weeks.....	1 00
West Union, W. M. Boyer.....	1 00
Clarksville, M. P. Zink.....	11 75
Williamsburg, F. G. Mitchell.....	6 35
Hillsboro, T. S. Cowden.....	20 92
Highland, H. W. Leever.....	1 75
Bethel, R. E. Smith.....	2 85
Greenfield, W. Fitzgerald.....	28 10
New Lexington, J. M'K. Shultz...	20 00
Sinking Springs, T. D. W. Peak..	11 70
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	\$105 42

## RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

East Cincinnati, J. F. Chalfant..	427 26
West Cincinnati, A. Lowrey.....	377 20
Dayton, J. W. Weakley.....	172 45
Springfield, A. Meharry.....	310 22
Hillsboro, S. D. Clayton.....	105 42
Conference collection for Church in Salt Lake City.....	28 96
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Grand total.....	\$1,421 51
Against last year.....	1,374 46
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Increase.....	47 05
MADISON A. RICHARDS, Treasurer.	

## REPORT ON THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL CAUSE.

THE Sunday-school Cause manifests no abatement of interest in its peculiar work. On the contrary, it exhibits encouraging progress in extending its organization and perfecting the means of instruction. Sunday-school concerts, unions, county, district, and state conventions, are so frequently held as to arouse and keep alive the spirit of Sunday-school enterprise. The Berean Series, containing the International Sunday-school Lessons, so extensively adopted, gives such unity and interest in searching the Scriptures as to promote advancement in religious instruction.

The direction of future progress in this work we conceive to be the greater interest of the entire Church in the Sunday-school, and the conversion and addition of the entire school to the Church. Their true relation is, the Church in the Sunday-school and the Sunday-school in the Church.

We call attention to the fact that the Methodist Episcopal State Sunday-school Conference meets at Chillicothe, on the 4th, 5th, and 6th of November next. The citizens are making extensive preparation to entertain the delegates. An interesting programme has already been

arranged, and experienced teachers engaged to give specimen Bible-class and infant-class lessons on the blackboard, and other matters pertaining to the Sunday-school.

Dr. Vincent recommends that our Sunday-schools observe the 19th and 20th of October next as days of special prayer for the prosperity of the Sunday-school cause; and that the order of exercises published by the London Sunday-school Union be followed as far as it may be adapted to our schools, without, however, omitting any of the ordinary Sabbath lessons.

Your Committee would renew the recommendation of last year, that county Sunday-school or district Sunday-school unions of the Methodist Episcopal Church be organized whenever necessary or expedient.

Attention is also requested to the addition of a new monthly publication to our Sunday-school periodical literature. The *Classmate* is a publication designed to be a grade higher than the *Sunday-school Advocate*, and to supply the reading for the advanced scholars. It has already fifty thousand subscribers, and we recommend its introduction into all our schools. Finally, we would submit for adoption, with this report, the following resolutions:

1. That the members of this Conference, so far as practicable, have their charges represented in the ensuing State Sunday-school Conference, which will be of the nature of a mass-meeting, no basis of representation being given.

2. That we approve the appointment of a time of special prayer for the Divine blessing on the Sunday-schools, and request the schools to observe the days referred to in this report.

3. That our ministers and people acquaint themselves well with our Sunday-school literature—our books, tracts, and especially periodicals—and patronize it heartily.

4. That every preacher should endeavor to perform the obligation imposed upon him by the Discipline, to take up annually, without fail, a collection for the Sunday-school Union.

JOHN PEARSON, *President*.

M. KAUFFMAN, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT OF TREASURER OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

##### EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Goshen, J. F. Loyd.....	\$3 36
Miami, R. S. Hagerman .....	2 00
Amelia, L. M. Davis.....	16 00
Madisonville, D. C. Vance .....	10 00
Laurel, S. N. Marsh .....	5 00
Milford, W. B. Moler .....	4 02
Mt. Washington, M. Kauffman.	5 00
Asbury, J. E. Gilbert.....	2 50
Walnut Hills, W. L. Hypes.....	19 75
Trinity, D. H. Moore.....	35 00
New Richmond, H. C. Middleton.....	3 30
Cincin'ti: Pearl-st., A. Bowers..	9 00

##### WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Lockland, S. B. Smith.....	\$8 00
Eaton, J. W. Cassatt.....	6 50
St. John's, A. B. Leonard .....	2 30
St. Paul, R. M. Hatfield.....	60 00
New Paris, J. F. Hull.....	25
Cummins ville, J. S. Pumphrey.	2 00
Port Huron, W. B. Jackson.....	1 00
Cin'ti: Christie, W. A. Robinson	9 55
Hamilton, D. J. Starr .....	2 00

##### DAYTON DISTRICT.

Miamisburg, J. P. Shultz.....	\$1 40
Addison, J. C. Deem.....	2 25

Troy: Mulberry-st, G. C. Crum..	\$2 75	South Charleston, J. W. Mason	\$6 00
Monroe, J. T. Bail .....	4 00	Yellow Springs, J. Kendall.....	2 90
Red Lyon and Springboro, Wm.		Springfield: Central Church, C.	
Young .....	4 30	W. Ketcham.....	5 00
Piqua: Green-st., W. I. Fee .....	5 00		
Franklin, S. A. Brewster.....	4 50		
Fairfield, J. G. Black.....	1 35		
Dayton: Grace Church, M. A.			
Richards.....	36 66		
Lockington, T. Wones .....	1 30		
Paris and Lena, J. J. Hill.....	5 10		
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.		HILLSBORO DISTRICT.	
Mingo and Tabor, J. M. Robin-		Georgetown, W. E. Hines.....	2 28
son.....	3 45	Hillsboro, T. S. Cowden.....	3 96
Catawba, J. Vance.....	2 60	Bethel, R. E. Smith.....	6 75
Union, J. Verity .....	8 10	Greenfield, W. Fitzgerald .....	4 00
Waynesville, J. Pearson .....	3 00	Williamsburg, F. G. Mitchell...	4 20
Xenia: Trinity, M. Dustin.....	2 85	Felicity, S. Weeks .....	3 75
Jamestown, D. Whitmer.....	9 43	Decatur, W. J. Quarry.....	1 00
King's Creek, A. W. Tibbits....	1 93	Clarksville, M. P. Zink.....	5 75
North Lewisburg, George W.			
Kelley .....	3 00		
Urbana: Second Church, C. Fer-			
guson.....	15 50		
		RECAPITULATION.	
		East Cincinnati District.....	114 93
		West Cincinnati District.....	91 60
		Dayton District.....	68 61
		Springfield District .....	63 76
		Hillsboro District.....	31 69
		Total.....	\$370 59
		S. B. SMITH, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

## REPORT ON TRACT CAUSE.

YOUR Committee believe that every agency calculated to secure the conversion of sinners and instruction of believers ought to receive our hearty approval. We believe the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be one of those agencies. In its silent way, by millions of pages, scattered among the masses by loving hands, it has worked efficiently for the Master.

We are glad to see from a notice of Dr. Vincent that important changes are to be made in the appearance and matter of our tracts.

We would recommend the following:

*Resolved*, 1. That we will present to our people the claims of the Tract Society of our own Church.

2. That we will encourage our young people to work for the Master by systematic tract distribution.

D. C. VANCE, *Chairman.*

F. M. CLEMENS, *Secretary.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TRACT SOCIETY:

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.		New Richmond, H. C. Middleton	\$3 00
Cincinnati: Trinity, D. H. Moore.	\$9 80	Goshen, J. F. Loyd.....	3 36
Walnut Hills, W. L. Hypes...	17 75		
Madisonville, D. C. Vance.....	15 25	Total.....	\$72 60
Mt. Washington, M. Kauffman.	5 00		
Miami, R. S. Hagerman.....	4 44	WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.	
Amelia, N. McDonald.....	9 00	Cin'ti: St. Paul, R. M. Hatfield..	30 00
Laurel, S. N. Marsh.....	5 00	St. John, A. B. Leonard.....	2 26

Cincinnati: Christie, W. A.		Yellow Springs, J. Kendall.....	\$2 90
Robinson.....	\$9 55	Union, J. Verity.....	8 10
Cumminsville and West Union,		Total .....	\$53 30
J. S. Pumphrey .....	2 00		
Lockland, S. B. Smith.....	7 00	HILLSBORO DISTRICT.	
New Paris, J. F. Hull .....	25	Hillsboro, T. S. Cowden.....	3 47
Total .....	\$51 00	Greenfield, W. Fitzgerald .....	4 00
DAYTON DISTRICT.		Sinking Springs, T. D. W. Peak	1 50
Dayton: Grace Church, M. A.		Clarksville, M. P. Zink.....	2 00
Richards.....	14 25	Felicity, S. Weeks .....	3 70
Addison, J. C. Deem.....	2 20	Bethel, R. E. Smith.....	3 90
Piqua: Green-st., Wm. I. Fee...	5 00	Ripley, W. H. Sutherland.....	5 00
Lockington, T. Wones .....	1 00	Williamsburg, F. G. Mitchell...	3 60
Paris and Lena, J. J. Hill.....	2 00	Total.....	\$27 17
Miamisburg, J. P. Shultz.....	1 35		
Franklin, S. A. Brewster.....	5 24	RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.	
Monroe, J. T. Bail .....	2 00	East Cincinnati District.....	72 60
Total.....	\$33 04	West Cincinnati District .....	51 00
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.		Dayton District.....	33 04
Springfield: Central Church, C.		Springfield District .....	53 30
W. Ketcham.....	6 75	Hillsboro District.....	27 17
Urbana: Second Church, C.		Total .....	\$237 11
Ferguson .....	15 50		
King's Creek, A. W. Tibbits....	2 00	Paid Hitchcock & Walden at	
Mingo and Tabor, J. M. Robin-		Conference.....	\$110 05
son .....	1 70	Paid at Methodist Book Con-	
North Lewisburg, G. W. Kelley	2 00	cern, as per receipts.....	127 06
South Charleston, J. W. Mason.	6 50	Total.....	\$237 11
Xenia: Trinity, M. Dustin.....	2 85		
Waynesville, J. Pearson.....	5 00	D. C. VANCE, Treasurer.	

### REPORT OF THE FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

YOUR Committee find, from reports made to the Conference, that collections have been taken for the Freedmen's Aid Society in *seventy* circuits and stations, during the past year, amounting in the aggregate to one thousand five hundred and eighty-one dollars and twenty-five cents (\$1,581.25). This showing is hardly satisfactory, especially in view of the action taken by this Conference at its last session. At that time we resolved, with hearty unanimity, that we would "earnestly labor to secure an average contribution of ten cents per member from our respective charges for this cause." It is greatly to be regretted that this resolution has been so generally disregarded or forgotten. We are of the opinion that no work in which our Church is engaged is more important than that to which this Society devotes its means and energies. It aims to make good citizens and intelligent Christians of the millions of freedmen of the South. With its meagre income of only about fifty thousand dollars a year, it supports *twenty* schools and *sixty* teachers among the colored people. Every consideration of humanity, patriotism, and piety urges us to an increase of liberality, and to redoubled exertions on



behalf of this people, so recently delivered from the degradation and wretchedness of slavery. We are verily guilty concerning these our brethren, in that we have done so little for their intellectual and moral improvement since, in the providence of God, they were liberated and enfranchised. And, unless we enter with more zeal into the work of saving this people to republican institutions and to a pure Christianity, many of them will fall under the corrupting influence of the Church of Rome. This Freedmen's Aid Society has been fully indorsed by the General Conference, and has been specially commended to the liberality of the Church by our Board of Bishops. The managers of the Society, in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline, have apportioned *three thousand dollars* as the amount to be raised by the Cincinnati Conference during the present year. The Discipline makes it the duty of each annual conference to apportion the amount assigned to it among the circuits or stations within its bounds. Your Committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the presiding elders be, and are hereby, instructed to apportion the sum of *three thousand dollars* among the circuits and stations of the Conference, and report their action to the several quarterly conferences at their earliest convenience.

2. *Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves to an honest and earnest endeavor to raise every dollar of the amount assigned to our several charges.

M. DUSTIN, *Chairman*.

R. M. HATFIELD, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT ON PARSONAGES.

YOUR Committee find, from statistics of last year, that we have seventy-six parsonages; their aggregate value, \$172,850. The best is worth \$20,000; the least valuable, \$400; the average value, \$2,274.34. We find forty-four charges without a parsonage. These charges paid last year \$6,476 for house rent; an average of \$147.18.

Is it good financiering to continue this plan? With perhaps few exceptions, we answer, No. Then let the preachers, with the advice and aid of the presiding elders, take subscriptions in such charges, and prosecute the work to completion, and, ere another year passes, most, if not all, these charges will be blessed with a good home for their pastors.

Where we have parsonages, we deem it the duty of the preachers occupying them to see that they be kept in good repair, and beautified, if possible. We therefore offer the following resolutions:

1. That charges without parsonages should secure them immediately.

2. That our people should supply all our parsonages with at least heavy furniture.

3. That we are assured that this good work can be done by following the example of the charges which have already accomplished the task.

4. That it is the duty of all, preachers and people, to do this work, and rest not until it is accomplished.

Respectfully submitted.

A. N. SPAHR, *President*.

F. HYPES, *Secretary*.

**REPORT ON OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.**

YOUR Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath submit for adoption the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, 1. That we hold with the utmost tenacity to the sacredness of the Christian Sabbath, and that we most sincerely believe it to be the duty of all men to abstain from all labor on that day, unless it be such as stern necessity or the relief of suffering may demand.

2. That we disapprove and condemn the practice of the General Government, in carrying the United States mail; of railroads, in the running of trains; of express companies, in the shipment of goods; and of corporations of whatever character, in carrying on their regular business on the Sabbath-day.

3. That we deplore the manifest purpose of many citizens, under the influence of customs transplanted to this from foreign lands, to utterly ignore and recklessly trample upon the laws already enacted for the proper protection of the Sabbath, and to make it a day of dissipation and crime rather than of rest and devotion.

4. That we condemn all processions, parades, and picnics on the Sabbath-day, whether under the patronage of Romish or Protestant Churches, or secret or social orders of whatever kind.

5. That, as ministers and laymen, we call upon the regularly constituted officers of the law to enforce, without fear or favor, the statutes now in existence for the protection of the Sabbath, and promise them our hearty support while in the performance of this duty.

6. That we earnestly request our people every-where to refrain from all social visiting, pleasure-riding, street-promenading, reading of secular and trashy literature, and labor not absolutely required; and to adhere to a more strict observance of the holy Sabbath, by making it, as God has designed, a day of rest from all merely secular pursuits, and devoted to religious meditation, instruction, and worship.

7. That we will, upon all proper occasions, defend the sanctity of the Sabbath, and, both by precept and example, lead our people to a more consistent observance of this Divine institution, believing that the progress and perpetuity of Christianity, and stability of our civil institutions depend largely upon our success in leading our people to deeper convictions, clearer views, and a more consistent practice on this subject.

A. B. LEONARD,  
J. C. BROOKS,  
W. HERR,

J. C. MILLER,  
J. M. WALDEN,  
N. C. PARRISH.

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**REPORT ON THE BIBLE SOCIETY.**

YOUR Committee, to whom the consideration of the claims and work of the American Bible Society were submitted, after careful investigation, beg leave to submit, for adoption, the following resolutions :

1. That we reaffirm our confidence in the administration of the American Bible Society, and recognize it as accomplishing for the cause of Christ a great and good work.



2. That we commend it to the confidence and sympathy of our people, and its work as eminently worthy of their benevolent contributions; and that the collections, when practicable, be taken in harmony with the anniversary of the Auxiliary Society within the limits of our charge.

3. That we respectfully request the presiding bishop to reappoint Rev. W. Herr, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society for the District of Southern Ohio.

C. KALBFUS, *Chairman*.

WM. RUNYAN, *Secretary*.

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

### Ohio Wesleyan University.

THE University is in a prosperous condition, and is accomplishing with fidelity and success, the great work intrusted to its care. The grade of scholarship is improving; and the class of the present year was in advance of that of any former year in number, and equal at least in scholarly attainments and general culture. The professors are Christian gentlemen, fine scholars, successful educators, and are devoting themselves, with an enthusiasm worthy of all praise, to the grand work of building up a university where our young men may be trained for Christ and usefulness, and which shall be, for all coming time, an honor to Ohio Methodism, and a fountain of moral and intellectual power.

The trustees have been singularly fortunate in securing Rev. Fales H. Newhall, D. D., of Massachusetts, as President of the University. He will enter upon his duties at the commencement of the next year; and will bring to the office great learning and eloquence as a divine, eminent abilities and attainments as a scholar, long experience and success in educating young men, and unusual enthusiasm and love for the work. With President Newhall, and our present able corps of professors, we anticipate a brilliant career of usefulness for the Ohio Wesleyan University.

The Committee ask the careful consideration of the Conference to the communication from the secretary of the Board of Trustees, and our action in reference to it.

After mature deliberation, in view of the embarrassed financial condition of the University, and the necessity of its immediate relief, it was voted to recommend the following resolutions to the consideration of the Conference:

*Resolved*, That we will make a vigorous effort to raise *thirty thousand dollars*, within the bounds of this Conference, for the endowment of a professorship in the Ohio Wesleyan University.

*Resolved*, That we request the Presiding Bishop to appoint an agent for the accomplishment of this work, and we hereby pledge such agent our hearty co-operation in raising the endowment.

*Resolved*, That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. L. D. M'Cabe, D. D., Professor of Philosophy in the University.

*Resolved*, That P. P. Mast, Esq., be elected trustee, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of his present term of office.

*Resolved*, That Rev. James F. Chalfant, D. D., and Rev. S. B. Smith,

be appointed Visiting and Examining Committee to the University, for the ensuing year.

*Resolved*, That Rev. J. M. Walden, D. D., and Rev. M. A. Richards, be appointed Visiting Committee to the Garrett Biblical Institute.

*Auditor's Exhibit of the Financial Condition of the Ohio Wesleyan University,  
June 17, 1873.*

I. ASSETS:	
Grounds and buildings.....	\$150,000 00
Library, cabinet, and apparatus .....	27,000 00
<i>Permanent Fund</i> .....	233,703 47
<i>General Fund</i> : notes and real estate .....	2,690 00
<i>Income Fund</i> : interest now due.....	1,713 00
Total .....	\$415,606 47
II. INDEBTEDNESS .....	38,239 10
III. EXCESS OF ASSETS.....	\$377,367 37
From the Auditor's Report.	
W. G. WILLIAMS, Secretary Board of Trustees.	

**Cincinnati Wesleyan College.**

WE gather from the current Catalogue of this institution, that the annual attendance has been two hundred and thirty-two. This is an increase of thirty-two over the previous year. The Academic Department has numbered sixty-seven. The Collegiate Department has had unusual prosperity. The classes number as follows: Freshman, thirty-seven; Sophomore, twenty-three; Junior, twenty-eight; Senior, twenty-two. At the last Commencement, nine young ladies were graduated to the degree of A. B., and nine to the degree of B. S. Four were graduated from the College of Music. There have been one hundred and five in the Department of Music during the last year, and thirty-one in the Academy of Design. The general order of the pupils and their habits of study have never been better. Sixteen teachers have been employed, and fourteen lecturers have favored the College with addresses upon literary, scientific, and religious subjects. Six departments—namely, Preparatory, Academic, Collegiate, College of Music, Academy of Design, and Sunday-school Normal—are in operation. Two other departments are projected; namely, College of Accounts (to be opened in September), and a Woman's Medical College, which is under advisement.

The trustees of the College have assumed the entire control and management of all of its affairs, business and educational, beginning from the close of the present Academic Year, in June. Hereafter, any profits accruing after the payment of the regular and prescribed salaries of the president and teachers, and expenses, will remain in the treasury of the Board, to apply upon the business or educational interests of the College. Rev. Lucius H. Bugbee, D. D., who has been the successful president since the reorganization and opening of the new edifice, has been re-elected by the Board.

The Faculty are laboring persistently to enlarge the number of the

departments of instruction, so that pupils can not only graduate from the College of Arts and Literature, but also be able to enter such post-graduate courses as shall prepare them for any employments and positions Providence may call them to. The trustees of the College are pledged to this development of its departments and facilities. Should the result of their conjoined labors be the establishment of a *real university for women*, it would signalize the Church and the age. We recommend—

1. That the Bishop be requested to reappoint Rev. L. H. Bugbee, D. D., as President of the College.

2. That Revs. T. Lee, J. Pearson, A. B. Leonard, James Stephenson, and J. E. Gilbert be appointed as a Board of Visitors for the ensuing year.

#### **Hillsboro Female College.**

A COMMUNICATION from the Board of Trustees informs us that the College is free from debt, except what can be met by the subscriptions of members of the Conference, made four years ago.

The trustees plead for a liberal endowment of one hundred thousand dollars. Then the scholarships issued in the past can be honored, and a vigorous and continued life be secured to the institution. Without this, they believe, it can not long be sustained. They desire the Conference, by an agent or otherwise, to secure this endowment, since it is a Conference institution.

Your Committee, after careful consultation, conclude as follows:

1. We, as a Conference, are much interested in the prosperity of the College, and will give it all aid and patronage that may be practicable.

2. With other educational interests that demand our attention and efforts, we can not enter upon the work of endowment at present.

3. That the presiding elder of that district, and the preachers in charge of Hillsboro, Wilmington, and Greenfield, be the Examining Committee for the ensuing year.

4. That we request the Presiding Bishop to reappoint Rev. J. M'D. Mathews, D. D., to the presidency.

5. That such members of this Conference as have not paid their subscriptions, made four years ago, and due one year since, and do not make payment within six months, shall be required to answer before the Conference for such delinquency; and that such unpaid subscriptions be put into the hands of the presiding elders for collection.

#### **Xenia College.**

THIS institution completed its twenty-third year in June last.

It was at first organized for ladies only; but, for the last ten years, gentlemen have also been admitted. The trustees and Faculty regard this change a decided advantage.

The past year has been one of prosperity. There have been in attendance two hundred and fifty-two pupils, including sixty-two students in the Normal-school of last Summer.

The examiners appointed by the last Conference, Rev. M. Dustin and Rev. J. F. Marlay, attended faithfully to the duties assigned them, and published their report.

We commend this institution to our people for a continued and extended patronage.

We recommend the appointment of Revs. J. F. Marlay, D. J. Starr, and Dr. G. C. Crum, as examiners for the current year.

#### SPECIAL REPORT.

THE Committee appointed at our last Conference on the Legal Relation of the Xenia College to the Cincinnati Conference, find themselves embarrassed, in view of the recent and sudden death of their Chairman, Rev. A. B. Wambaugh, who had carefully examined this subject, and was, no doubt, prepared to make a full and exhaustive report.

The Committee, as now constituted, are not familiar with all the details in this case; but the substantial facts are these: In 1852, the trustees of the Xenia Female Academy (now the Xenia College), a joint-stock company, offered to transfer to the Cincinnati Conference a majority of the stock of that company; thereby giving the Conference the control of the institution, provided the Conference would raise six thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting another building, and perhaps making other improvements, which were deemed necessary.

The Conference accepted the offer, on the terms specified, and appointed seven commissioners to act on its behalf, in providing ways and means to raise the six thousand dollars. These commissioners, through their agents, Rev. A. Lowrey and Rev. W. I. Ellsworth, succeeded in raising the full amount required; and the trustees, conceding that the condition had been complied with, ordered the transfer of one hundred and twenty shares of stock to the Cincinnati Conference—the whole number of shares being 217½.

The trustees say that a certificate for this stock was issued to the Cincinnati Conference; but as that certificate can not now be found among the papers of the Conference, they have issued a duplicate, which is herewith presented.

As to the claim, which this Conferencee made last year, of certificates of stock representing three thousand dollars more, on the ground that the agents raised nine thousand dollars for the College, your Committee take leave to state—

1. That there was no agreement on the part of the trustees at any time to transfer to the Conference more than a majority of the stock; namely, six thousand dollars' worth.

2. The trustees state that, though three thousand dollars additional may have been subscribed, much of it was not collected, and that, after paying expenses of collection, there was little or nothing left.

No evidence has been presented to your Committee showing that the Conference can justly claim, up to this time, any additional stock.

A debt of some twenty-two hundred dollars, of long standing, still remains against the College, and the trustees earnestly desire the Conference to aid them in providing ways and means for the liquidation of that debt as speedily as possible.

M. DUSTIN,  
J. F. MARLAY, } Committee.

#### Springfield Female College.

THE Committee on the Springfield Female College, after having duly considered the present status of the institution, desire to submit the following as their recommendation for adoption by the Conference; namely, that the Board of Trustees be instructed to expend the money which has accrued, and may yet accrue to them as rent, in putting the

building and premises into good repair during the present year, so that the building may be ready for the opening of a school at the beginning of another year, when the present lease of the premises will have expired. And the Committee further recommend that the trustees be instructed to provide some competent person to take charge of the institution one year from this time. And we further recommend that Rev. W. I. Ellsworth, the Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, and the pastors of the city of Springfield, be appointed a Committee of Conference to co-operate with the Board of Trustees of the College in carrying out the above plan, if it be practicable. If not, then to co-operate with the trustees in making such disposition of the institution as shall, in their united judgment, best subserve the interests of education. All of which shall be subject to the approval of Conference at the next session. Very respectfully submitted by Committee.

T. COLLETT, *Secretary*.

#### Garrett Biblical Institute.

THIS institution has had a good year. Finances have turned out well, and the halls have been full of students, and many spiritual blessings have attended the school.

Through the timely aid of the Church, the recently consumed property in Chicago has been rebuilt.

Rev. W. X. Ninde has been elected Professor of Practical Theology.

Special lecturers have been engaged for the coming year.

The library is to be increased.

The next Anniversary will occur in the last week of May, 1874. It is intended to organize at that time a Theological Union, by which visiting ministers, young or old, may be favored with class instruction and lectures, after the Anniversary Exercises are closed.

We are requested to appoint two visitors, to be in attendance at the next Anniversary.

We recommend that Revs. Dr. Walden and N. A. Richards be appointed a Visiting Committee for the ensuing year.

Dr. Hatfield, one of the visitors for last year, attended, and makes a very satisfactory report.

L. D. M'CABE, *Chair'n*,

R. S. RUST, *Sec'y*,

S. B. SMITH,

WM. FITZGERALD,

M. A. RICHARDS,

W. I. ELLSWORTH.

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION.

OUR last General Conference provided for a Central Board of Education and annual conference auxiliaries. Dr. E. O. Haven, Secretary of the Board, communicated with the Conference with reference to the Church interests in his department, which document was before your Committee.

The objects of the Board are to aid young men in preparing for the ministry; to aid theological schools, universities, colleges, or academies which are under the patronage of the Church, and to aid meritorious

Sunday-school scholars in securing a more advanced education; in short, the promotion of theological and general education in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

An Auxiliary Society has been formed in this Conference.

We would call attention to the fact that the Discipline makes it the duty of each preacher-in-charge to preach on the subject of Education, and take up a collection in aid of this cause, once a year, in each society.

It also recommends that the second Sabbath in June be observed as "Children's-day," and that a collection be taken in the Sunday-school in aid of the "Sunday-school Fund" of the Board of Education.

We suggest that the treasurer of our Conference Auxiliary Society be hereby directed to forward the funds raised for Education to the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

### EDUCATIONAL COLLECTIONS FOR 1873.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.		DAYTON DISTRICT.	
New Richmond, H. C. Middleton .....	\$2 50	Dayton: Grace, M. A. Richards.....	\$17 75
Milford, W. B. Moler .....	4 90	Fairfield, J. G. Black .....	2 00
Goshen, J. F. Loyd .....	10 00	SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.	
Laurel, S. N. Marsh .....	5 00	South Charleston, W. Fitzgerald.....	7 50
Walnut Hills, W. L. Hypes.....	30 00	HILLSBORO DISTRICT.	
Cincin'ti: Trinity, D. H. Moore,		Bethel, R. E. Smith.....	3 10
Children's Fund.....	15 53	Williamsburg, F. G. Mitchell...	2 40
Educational Society.....	35 00	Felicity, S. Weeks.....	1 00
Cincin'ti: Wesley, A. N. Spahr.....	12 00	Ripley, W. H. Sutherland .....	2 68
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.		RECAPITULATION.	
Cincinnati: St. Paul, R. M.		East Cincinnati District.....	114 93
Hatfield.....	100 00	West Cincinnati District.....	108 95
Lockland, S. B. Smith.....	5 00	Dayton District .....	19 75
Cumminsville & West Union,		Springfield District.....	7 50
J. S. Pumphrey, Children's		Hillsboro District.....	9 18
Fund .....	2 20	Total.....	\$260 31
Cincinnati: St. John's, A. B.		R. S. RUST, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
Leonard .....	1 50		
New Paris, J. F. Hull.....	25		

### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

YOUR Committee, having duly considered all the facts that have been before them relating to the interests of our several publications, respectfully recommend for your adoption the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, 1. That, considering their high order of excellence, no reasonable objection can be urged against the prices of our respective periodicals; and we would be glad to have our people remember that whatever profits may arise from these publications belong to the *Church*, and are used to lessen the amounts necessary to be raised by direct collections in the congregations.



*Resolved*, 2. That, while we can not suggest any improvement in the editorial department of the *Quarterly Review*, it is our belief that, in the choice of contributed articles, a greater variety and more popular treatment of subjects should be secured.

*Resolved*, 3. That inasmuch as our members look to our denominational press for information concerning all the operations of the Church, it is the duty of the official editors to publish, in a full and frank manner, whatever facts are of general interest in its expenditures and management.

4. *Whereas*, our *Missionary Advocate*, as now edited, is, even to the general reader, a most interesting paper, and possesses peculiar value to the lover of Christ's cause, in the information it conveys of the missionary operations of the Churches; therefore, *resolved*, that we can not regard any pastor as having done his whole duty to the missionary cause who does not carry out the disciplinary plan for its general circulation.

5. *Whereas*, in many of our households and Sunday-schools, our own publications have been supplanted by those of other Churches, *resolved*, that our preachers should judiciously call the attention of such subscribers and patrons to the superior *denominational* claims of our own periodicals and Sunday-school publications, and use great diligence to introduce them into all our families and schools.

*Resolved*, 6. That each preacher-in-charge be required to furnish to the Committee on Education, at the Annual Session of Conference, a statement of the name and number of our periodicals taken within the charge.

G. C. CRUM,  
E. T. WELLS,  
D. J. STARR,

W. J. QUARRY,  
DAVID H. MOORE.

#### REPORT ON THE SECULAR PRESS.

YOUR Committee, appointed to consider the immoral tendency of the secular press, desire to report :

The secular newspaper has an important mission—to record passing events and discuss questions touching the public welfare. Entering almost every home, as the medium of communication with the outside world, furnishing material for thought, creating sentiment, and, to a great extent, stimulating and controlling action, it is a courier, an educator, an advocate, whose freedom and intelligence are dangerous, without purity and honesty. Hence editors and publishers have obligations that can not be measured by the policy of parties or the principles of gain. Whenever they employ profane or indecent language, publish falsehood for truth, excuse crime and corruption, or defend the violators of law; whenever they caricature good and true men, to the destruction of their influence; whenever they invade the sanctity of private life, disclosing what ought to be forever secret; and, above all, whenever they cater to the tastes of the depraved and vicious, by giving detailed accounts of revolting social sins, or by exposing the Christian religion to ridicule, through the infidelity of individual professors, then they



betray their trust, and forfeit the confidence and support of all good people. One of the most famous pulpit orators of the day has said that "a man is no better than his daily newspaper." Whether this sweeping declaration be true or false, we are convinced that no one can daily read a corrupt sheet, or receive it into his home, without incurring a fearful risk of contaminating his own soul and the souls of his children. Therefore, we affectionately, yet earnestly, urge all our people to a prayerful discrimination in favor of those prints whose tone and matter accord with pure morality and a correct faith.

JAMES E. GILBERT, *Chairman.*

JOHN F. MARLAY, *Secretary.*

#### REPORT ON CAMP-MEETINGS.

RESOLVED, 1. That we condemn all Sabbath desecration connected with camp-meetings, as unchristian, as a direct violation of our General Rules, and as demoralizing to the community at large.

2. That we earnestly advise and admonish our people and preachers to hold no camp-meetings over the Sabbath where the gates of the grounds can not be closed from Saturday night until Monday morning; and that, as preachers, we will give no countenance to camp-meetings held in complicity with Sabbath desecration.

3. That we earnestly advise and direct all our people to conform to the authority of the Church in the organization, location, and management of such meetings, known as camp-meetings of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

4. That we heartily approve of camp-meetings of our members, held for the promotion of the interests of Christ's kingdom, and shall ever rejoice with those who labor therein for the conversion of sinners, and the edification of believers, till, by the use of all means of grace, we receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls, believing that the Christian ministry, and all the means of grace, were given by Christ "for the perfecting of the saints," "for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come, in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;" and "speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, fitly joined together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part," shall make "increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

GRANVILLE MOODY, *Chairman.*

#### REPORT ON CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS.

YOUR Committee, to whom was referred the subject of a uniform method of reporting the Conference Examinations, present the following. The several committees of examination in the "Course of Study"

shall report to Conference the standing of the candidates in the following manner:

On the books prescribed, in figures ranging from 1 to 10.

On the sermon, by the terms, Deficient, Medium, Good, and Very Good.

J. G. BLACK,

A. BOWERS,

W. Q. SHANNON,

J. F. LOYD,

JNO. PEARSON,

THOS. J. HARRIS.

### REPORT ON DISCIPLINE.

WHEREAS, wholesome discipline is indispensable to the prosperity of the Church, and as many of the requirements of our "Book of Discipline" which are therein made *conditions of membership*, are disregarded by many of our members, and are treated in the administration of some pastors as if they were merely advisory and *optional*, and therefore some of the most spiritual institutions of Methodism are falling into disuse, and vices are creeping into the Church; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we urge all our members to pay special attention to the *distinguishing features* of our economy, and duly consider the utterances of our excellent "Book of Discipline," on the design of "Class-meetings;" and remember their *engagements* with the Church, as recorded in items numbered 30, 72 to 76 inclusive—item number 339, in connection with the *Pledge* item, which they gave when they were received into full connection in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which they covenanted that "they would cheerfully be governed by the rules of the Church aforesaid."

2. *Resolved*, That pastors should mildly but firmly administer the Discipline in the enforcement of our "General Rules," and in regard to "attendance upon class-meetings," and in regard to those "popular sins and amusements" which the General Conference has forbidden, upon pain of expulsion if persisted in after due disciplinary treatment, especially beginning with immoral practices where they exist.

3. *Resolved*, That we will steadily sustain each other in the mild and firm administration of our wholesome discipline, against all who violate the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in her "*prudential* rules and moral obligations."

4. *Resolved*, That our presiding elders can aid these interests greatly, by making the prescribed inquiries on the subject of discipline in their several quarterly conferences.

G. MOODY,

M. A. RICHARDS,

M. DUSTIN,

A. N. SPAHR.

J. F. MARLAY,

### REPORT ON PASTORS' AND LADIES' UNION.

BELIEVING that there is a pressing need of more laborers among the people in our own midst, among the sick and poor and irreligious, as well as among our own members, especially the lambs of the flock; believing

that the women of our Churches may be systematically employed, in co-operation with the pastors, in the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom by works of religion and charity; and *whereas*, the last General Conference, recognizing the valuable services of the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union; and *whereas*, the Board of Managers appointed by the General Conference adopted a plan recommending the prosecution of the work by conference organizations; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union be, and is hereby, recognized as a regularly constituted society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

*Resolved*, That the Cincinnati Conference organize a Pastors' and Ladies' Union, in compliance with said recommendation.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**Of the Preachers' Relief Society of the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the Year ending August 27, 1873.**

#### FUNDED CAPITAL.

United States Bonds.....	\$3,800 00
Personal Notes secured.....	3,922 22
Mortgage Notes, without interest.....	300 00
Railroad Stock.....	100 00
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	\$8,122 22

#### RECEIPTS FOR DISBURSEMENT.

United States Coupons, premium and interest.....	\$264 85
Interest on Notes.....	284 09
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	\$548 94

WM. YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

### REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

YOUR Committee on the accounts of W. H. Sutherland have examined the same, and find them correct, showing a balance due him of one dollar and sixty cents. We also find that some brethren have been, since 1868, indebted to the Publishing Committee, for Minutes, in sums aggregating fifty dollars. In the opinion of your Committee, honor and piety demand the immediate settlement of such accounts.

J. T. BAIL,  
D. H. MOORE.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. AFTER the usual opening religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.

2. No motion shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.

3. All motions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.

4. Every member desiring to speak on any subject before the Conference, shall rise and address the President.

5. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the floor.

6. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.

7. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to the Conference, without debate.

8. When any question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order; and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

9. If the question before the Conference be capable of division, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.

10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with open doors, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

11. Any question may be reconsidered, on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.

12. If any member call for the previous question, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.

13. Each committee of the Conference shall choose its own chairman, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the committee.

14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without leave of absence.

15. In all practicable cases, when charges are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a committee.

16. No member of Conference shall be subject to arrest of character without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.

17. The vote on any question shall be taken by ayes and noes, upon the call of fifteen members.



Finley.....	...	172	3	...	3	1	1	25,000	...	9 00	...	28 00	28 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
York-street.....	23	260	2	5	13	15	1	40,000	...	39 95	49 80	30 38	80 18	36 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	
M'Lean.....	30	211	1	1	22	18	1	27,000	...	34 40	...	100 00	100 00	...	...	...	...	22 50	...	...	
Fairmount.....	7	38	...	...	7	7	1	6,000	...	15 00	15 00	...	15 00	18 00	...	...	...	24 00	...	...	
Cummins' & West Union.....	7	158	2	1	1	1	2	7,000	...	26 00	85 12	...	85 12	...	7 45	2 00	2 00	...	...	...	
Winton Place.....	...	60	...	...	3	...	1	3,000	...	36 75	77 41	...	77 41	30 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hartwell and Carthage.....	6	32	...	...	2	...	1	2,000	...	5 50	13 65	...	13 65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Lockland.....	5	170	2	1	...	1	1	1,500	1	2,500	80 00	151 05	25 00	176 05	...	20 50	7 00	8 00	14 50	5 00	
Port Union.....	8	115	...	2	3	3	5	5,800	...	9 00	32 00	8 00	40 00	...	4 60	...	1 00	...	...	...	
Cheviot.....	10	128	1	1	3	3	3	5,500	...	51 02	24 17	5 72	29 89	...	7 16	...	...	...	...	...	
Bethany.....	2	167	1	3	10	1	2	2,500	1	2,000	2 30	55 30	50 23	105 53	...	21 60	2 75	...	...	...	
Hamilton.....	20	421	...	5	10	13	1	35,000	1	10,000	116 84	137 30	47 39	184 69	...	100 00	47 80	5 00	2 00	29 05	5 25
Oxford.....	76	291	2	3	65	9	1	25,000	1	2,000	46 88	111 70	...	111 70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Venice.....	11	361	1	7	4	21	8	15,000	1	1,600	61 65	67 60	4 20	71 80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Harrison.....	5	130	...	1	1	...	1	20,000	...	...	20 00	...	20 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
North Bend.....	6	266	1	4	...	5	6	3,600	...	17 30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Eaton.....	15	382	1	5	...	...	1	37,000	1	3,000	57 00	168 75	60 00	228 75	...	52 98	57 05	10 00	6 50	33 75	...
Camden.....	8	353	2	4	...	...	7	11,700	2	3,000	60 00	82 00	...	82 00	...	15 00	...	...	...	15 50	...
Seven-mile.....	10	90	...	...	...	...	4	4,000	...	6 25	30 85	...	30 85	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 50	...
New Paris.....	16	108	...	3	1	7	5	6,000	1	800	3 80	6 35	2 00	8 35	...	1 05	25	25	52	25	...
Sharonville & West Chester	2	150	1	2	...	...	3	5,000	1	1,000	1 00	38 25	...	38 25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	472	5,241	27	61	202	113	60	\$582,600	11	\$45,900	\$1,302 64	\$2,674 00	\$1,275 45	\$3,949 45	\$799 44	\$704 41	\$68 75	\$1,429 62	\$91 60	\$112 00	...
DAYTON DISTRICT.																					
Dayton: Grace Church.....	11	603	1	8	5	14	1	110,000	1	10,000	250 00	131 88	486 68	618 56	122 75	81 50	14 25	36 66	30 40	17 75	...
Raper.....	17	390	5	8	19	27	1	30,000	1	5,000	66 00	100 00	300 00	400 00	25 00	...	...	6 00	14 00	...	...
Sears-street.....	12	160	2	4	12	4	1	8,000	...	...	...	12 00	...	12 00	...	...	...	1 00	...	...	...
Davison Chapel.....	10	140	...	3	...	1	1	5,000	...	...	...	20 00	...	20 00	15 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Troy: Mulberry-street } Franklin-street..... }	3	340	1	16	2	6	1	15,000	1	4,000	43 03	66 98	75 00	141 98	...	10 00	...	2 75	...	...	...
Tippecanoe and Kessler.....	19	162	4	3	3	21	2	9,000	...	...	21 40	43 50	...	43 50	...	2 45	...	...	...	...	...
Addison.....	10	308	1	4	...	10	8	6,600	1	1,000	16 90	75 45	...	75 45	8 80	...	2 20	2 35	1 20	20	...
Concord.....	34	197	...	4	...	...	4	8,000	1	600	15 82	60 85	...	60 85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lewisburg.....	14	231	1	2	...	2	9	11,900	1	1,850	30 30	43 25	...	43 25	...	2 69	...	...	...	...	...
Winchester & Germant'wn.....	...	205	2	4	5	4	5	11,500	1	600	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Piqua: Green-street.....	27	463	3	2	15	14	1	30,000	1	3,000	...	50 00	100 00	150 00	35 00	12 00	5 00	5 00	12 00	...	...
Grace Church.....	10	225	1	3	6	6	1	15,000	...	...	13 50	20 00	...	20 00	...	...	...	...	2 00	...	...
Lockington.....	12	181	...	...	1	...	4	3,800	1	600	9 15	16 10	85 20	101 30	...	1 35	1 00	1 30	7 00	...	...
Fletcher.....	1	187	1	5	5	6	4	12,500	1	500	7 65	40 75	20 10	60 85	...	50	...	...	...	...	...
Paris and Lena.....	1	202	3	5	2	6	2	3,500	1	500	18 00	43 00	...	43 00	...	5 50	2 00	5 50	2 00	...	...
Brant.....	18	107	2	1	...	...	4	2,400	...	...	8 75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Miamisburg.....	13	181	1	3	9	3	2	14,000	1	1,400	42 75	52 35	20 00	72 35	9 88	...	1 35	1 40	5 50	...	...
Franklin.....	6	186	...	3	...	1	1	20,000	...	...	50 00	68 00	15 00	83 00	...	5 30	5 24	4 50	5 50	...	...
Red Lion and Springboro.....	35	325	2	3	5	6	2	22,000	1	1,800	16 00	58 35	...	58 35	...	3 00	...	4 30	...	10 00	...
Fairfield.....	16	286	4	3	6	7	3	19,000	1	700	31 50	67 79	4 61	72 40	...	3 00	2 00	1 35	2 00	2 00	...
New Carlisle.....	49	362	2	8	5	28	3	14,000	...	...	22 50	115 75	36 58	152 33	5 00	38 11	...	...	...	...	...



CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP'S.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	Probationers....	Full Members....	Local Preachers....	Deaths.....	Children.....	Adults.....	Churches.....	Probable Value.	Parsonages.....	Probable Value.	For Conference Chairmen.....	For Missions.			For Wom's For- Miss. Society..	For B'd Church Extension.....	For Tract Soc'y..	For S. S. Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.....	For Education..
												Churches..	Sabbath- Schools..	Total.....						
Middletown .....	7	170	1	2	3	8	1	\$11,000	..	..	\$22 00	.....	.....	.....	\$6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monroe.....	3	150	...	...	...	1	2	10,000	1	\$5,000	65 00	\$139 36	\$4 64	\$180 00	.....	\$9 60	\$2 00	\$4 06	\$34 55	.....
Total .....	328	5,761	37	90	103	175	63	\$392,200	15	\$30,550	\$750 25	\$1,225 36	\$1,183 81	\$2,409 17	\$227 43	\$172 00	\$35 04	76 11	\$116 15	\$29 90
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																				
Springfield: High-street .....	8	279	2	4	8	6	1	28,000	...	.....	150 00	191 29	192 05	383 34	100 00	30 00	.....	.....	50 00	20 00
Central Church.....	15	389	3	4	10	...	2	26,000	1	7,000	90 00	140 00	100 00	240 00	64 75	.....	6 75	5 00	54 58	.....
South Springfield Mission.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	15,000	1	6,000	66 64	250 00	.....	260 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	82 75	.....
Urbana: First Church.....	32	380	6	8	10	4	1	6,000	1	2,500	100 00	266 50	100 00	366 50	88 95	.....	15 50	15 50	34 35	.....
Second Church.....	17	240	...	4	14	12	6	14,500	2	3,500	106 00	120 55	4 45	125 00	.....	16 00	2 00	1 93	4 00	.....
King's Creek.....	30	418	5	3	17	63	6	3,300	1	1,200	19 25	66 45	.....	66 45	.....	6 00	3 69	3 45	.....	.....
Mingo and Tabor.....	19	125	...	2	...	5	2	5,000	1	3,000	50 00	90 00	.....	90 00	35 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	.....
North Lewisburg.....	31	278	2	3	20	40	2	10,000	1	1,200	20 00	.....	60 00	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Liberty.....	43	195	2	...	...	22	4	12,000	...	.....	21 00	112 11	10 18	122 29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tremont.....	14	350	...	4	...	30	4	9,000	1	3,000	81 97	264 11	23 94	288 05	188 00	71 92	.....	104 15	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg.....	27	301	1	6	...	24	1	13,000	1	850	51 00	130 50	.....	130 50	22 00	5 50	1 40	2 60	.....	.....
Catawba.....	40	452	2	2	25	80	7	5,000	1	2,450	50 00	80 00	50 00	130 00	9 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moorefield.....	20	151	1	4	5	14	3	10,000	1	4,000	95 06	169 00	16 95	185 95	30 00	30 00	8 50	6 00	11 00	10 00
South Charleston.....	2	288	2	1	1	9	2	4,000	1	2,000	40 00	95 14	34 86	130 00	14 15	.....	2 90	2 90	10 00	.....
Yellow Springs.....	3	208	1	6	...	...	1	5,000	...	.....	34 00	62 00	.....	62 00	.....	.....	.....	6 25	.....	.....
Old Town.....	9	169	1	3	...	5	6	11,000	2	3,100	69 25	357 50	64 90	422 40	23 40	60 25	.....	9 43	18 00	.....
Jamestown.....	59	689	3	14	3	20	6	25,000	1	5,000	101 90	152 25	135 11	287 36	35 35	.....	.....	43 00	.....	.....
Xenia: First Church.....	16	390	...	4	10	...	1	30,000	...	.....	60 00	68 35	40 98	109 33	53 06	8 15	2 85	2 85	12 72	.....
Trinity.....	8	214	1	3	9	2	1	1,000	1	800	15 00	43 44	.....	43 44	3 24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Burlington.....	30	375	2	2	3	74	6	4,500	1	1,500	33 00	64 61	67 39	132 00	24 00	15 00	5 00	3 00	.....	.....
Waynesville.....	13	235	3	9	...	21	8	2,200	1	1,500	50 25	189 66	.....	189 66	.....	18 91	8 11	8 10	10 50	.....
Union.....	17	523	...	8	6	16	8	3,000	...	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	10 00	13 63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rayssville and Merrittstown.....	6	26	...	...	...	...	2	5,700	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morrow.....	11	123	...	2	5	7	2	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	450	6,698	37	98	140	453	69	\$248,700	19	\$48,600	\$1,314 26	\$2,933 46	\$900 81	\$3,834 27	\$756 88	\$304 37	\$58 70	\$63 76	\$446 30	\$30 00
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																				
Hillsboro.....	20	480	2	5	7	13	1	30,000	1	5,000	103 58	155 85	121 75	277 60	56 55	20 92	3 47	3 96	31 25	.....
Greenfield.....	94	566	...	9	4	7	1	15,000	1	1,500	73 10	98 80	19 54	118 34	.....	28 10	4 00	4 00	37 06	.....
New Lexington.....	44	425	5	3	3	4	11	15,000	1	1,500	38 00	133 18	4 13	137 31	38 00	20 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....
Highland.....	33	615	4	11	2	10	8	7,300	2	1,100	19 70	121 15	.....	121 15	.....	1 75	.....	.....	1 50	.....



Sinking Springs .....	33	662	5	8	3	10	11	14,000	1	1,000	20 00	115 00	.....	115 00	.....	11 70	1 50	.....	12 00	.....
West Union .....	28	400	4	8	6	4	7	11,000	1	1,000	14 00	90 00	.....	90 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winchester .....	6	390	7	4	5	35	8	12,000	1	600	19 20	85 80	31 50	117 30	2 52	1 69	1 69	1 69	1 69	1 69
Sardinia .....	50	387	2	4	4	3	7	12,200	1	1,000	7 14	67 85	.....	67 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lynchburg .....	54	500	3	7	...	2	8	18,000	1	1,200	58 20	117 35	.....	117 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington .....	27	290	1	6	2	43	1	15,000	1	4,000	55 00	62 00	31 05	93 05	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarksville .....	22	442	4	5	2	...	7	3,700	1	900	76 20	152 34	7 81	160 15	.....	11 75	2 00	5 75	5 35	.....
Bowersville .....	25	325	6	1	...	38	6	8,000	...	.....	33 00	138 00	.....	138 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Batavia .....	30	550	3	15	...	20	7	20,350	1	600	29 25	110 40	.....	110 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Felicity .....	14	265	1	2	4	4	1	1,000	1	800	41 25	23 50	5 50	29 00	10 50	1 00	3 70	3 75	1 00	1 00
Bethel .....	14	354	6	12	1	9	4	5,400	1	1,200	11 00	73 00	.....	73 00	.....	2 85	3 90	6 75	9 65	3 10
Feesburg .....	81	552	3	5	...	46	8	9,900	1	800	50 07	102 65	.....	102 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ripley .....	47	299	3	6	4	1	1	25,000	1	2,500	68 00	170 32	19 68	190 00	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	2 68
Georgetown .....	10	126	1	1	...	1	1	10,000	1	1,200	25 50	37 75	.....	37 75	.....	.....	2 28	.....	.....	.....
Decatur .....	32	464	4	7	5	21	7	8,050	1	600	19 00	184 00	.....	184 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Manchester .....	12	220	2	3	2	3	3	8,000	1	1,500	20 75	68 00	13 00	81 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburg .....	41	362	2	11	23	23	2	3,500	1	1,200	37 50	65 48	34 81	100 35	7 80	6 35	3 60	4 20	5 25	2 40
Marathon .....	13	245	3	1	7	19	4	2,500	...	.....	9 70	25 75	.....	25 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>8,819</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>\$254,900</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$29,200</b>	<b>\$829 14</b>	<b>\$2,198 17</b>	<b>\$268 83</b>	<b>\$2,487 00</b>	<b>\$155 37</b>	<b>\$105 42</b>	<b>\$29 67</b>	<b>\$31 69</b>	<b>\$109 75</b>	<b>\$9 18</b>

## RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP'S.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	Probationers....	Full Members...	Local Preachers.	Deaths.....	Children.....	Adults.....	Churches.....	Probable Value..	Parsonages.....	Probable Value..	For Conference Claimants...	For Missions.			For Wom's, For- Miss. Society..	For B'd Church Extension.....	For Tract Soc'y.	For S. S. Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society...	For Education...
												Churches...	Sabbath-Schools.	Total.....						
East Cincinnati .....	571	5776	43	87	91	244	71	\$439,450	10	\$36,100	\$1657 13	\$3412 49	\$1495 26	\$4907 75	\$1150 05	\$420 46	\$77 78	\$119 93	\$442 70	\$99 40
West Cincinnati .....	472	5241	27	61	202	113	66	582,600	11	45,900	1302 64	2674 00	1275 45	3949 45	799 44	704 41	68 75	91 60	1429 62	112 00
Dayton .....	328	5761	37	96	103	175	63	392,200	15	36,550	750 25	1225 36	1183 81	2409 17	227 43	172 00	35 04	76 11	116 15	29 95
Springfield .....	450	6698	37	98	146	453	69	248,700	19	48,600	1314 26	2933 46	900 81	3834 27	756 88	304 37	58 70	63 76	446 30	30 00
Hillsboro.....	730	8819	71	134	90	316	114	254,900	21	29,200	829 14	2198 17	288 83	2487 00	155 37	105 42	29 67	31 69	109 75	9 18
Grand total.....	2551	32295	415	476	632	1301	377	\$1,917,850	76	\$196,350	\$5853 42	\$12443 48	\$5144 16	\$17587 64	\$3089 17	\$1706 66	\$269 94	\$383 09	\$2544 52	\$280 53
Total last year.....	2542	31375	212	416	675	1378	373	1,944,221	76	172,850	5702 10	14234 63	5134 58	19024 16	1769 10	1346 22	203 03	274 43	2356 96	169 90
Increase.....	9	920	203	60	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	\$23,500	\$151 32	.....	9 58	.....	\$1320 07	\$360 44	\$66 91	\$107 66	\$187 56	\$110 63
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	77	.....	\$26,371	.....	.....	.....	\$1891 16	.....	\$1436 52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

## CHURCH STATISTICS, NO. 2.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.					SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.															SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.				
	Amount Raised for Support of Bishops.....	Amount Raised for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.....	Indebtedness on Chw's and Parsonages.....	Claims for Ministerial Support.....	Receipts for Ministerial Support.....	No. of Sunday-schools.	No. Officers & Teachers.	Number of Scholars of all ages.....	Scholars 15 years old and over.....	Scholars under 15 except Infant Class.....	Scholars in Int. Class.	Av. Attendance Teachers and Scholars.....	Officers and Teachers mems. or probaters.	Scholars who are Ch. mems. or probaters.	No. of Conversions.....	No. of Library Books..	Expenses of Schools this year.....	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Classmates taken.	S. S. Journals taken....	No. of Good News taken.	No. of Picture Lesson Papers taken.....	For Bible Society.....	For Education on Children's-day .....	Other Collections.....
EAST CINCINNATI DISTR'T.																									
Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel				\$1,600	\$1,600	1	18	200			84				20	1,285	\$80 00	125		12		75	\$63 00		
Trinity.....	\$100 00	\$700 00		3,000	3,000	2	46	574	257	206	111	351	40	71	42	800	985 00	300		39			150 00	\$15 53	\$2,200 00
Asbury.....	7 25	343 24		1,700	1,900	1	27	365	85	165	115	275	25	54	25	393	115 90	175		25			6 00		87 25
Pearl-street.....		550 00		1,100	1,100	1	24	277	61	129	87	161	23	10	1		200 00	150		22					
Mt. Auburn.....	10 00	190 00	\$2,000	1,200	1,200	1	14	188	98	90	90	149	20	6	2		80 00	120		15	125				155 50
Walnut Hills.....				2,000	2,000	1	41	293	100	113	80	203	41	49	12	675	363 32	150		30					
Grace Church.....						1	16	90			20	70	16	20		300	87 00	50							
M'Kendree.....	20 00			1,400	1,400	1	22	200	50	90	60	150	22	25			150 00	125	125	15	125				
High-st. Pen'tn & Col'bia					615	3	40	250												35					
Madisonville.....	20 00	1,215 00		975	975	1	20	185	65	75	45	140	18	47	15	250	95 10	125		15					
Mt. Washington.....				880	880	1	13	137			21	109	13	28	5		30 00	60		8					
Newtown.....		1,450 00	50	1,410	1,410	5	70	250							27										
Milford.....			1,200	819	800	2	18	263	143	41	46	173	14	45	33	575	85 63	20		12					
Centenary.....				700	625	4	45	245	120	80	45	190	50	85		500	25 00	75		22					
Loveland and Maineville.....			1,500	1,040	1,040	2	23	182			30	132	23	40	30	400	50 00	24		20					
Butlerville.....		400 00	600	800	750	5	60	300			20				4	300	50 00	20		21					
South Lebanon and Zoar...		376 00	415	590		5	40	306	151	105	50	235	30	120		600	60 00	100		5					
Lebanon.....						1	26	302	117	104	55	205	24				100 00			25					
Miami Circuit.....				760	760	4	38	307	182	117	8	210	44	65	5	594	30 00	165		1					
Amelia.....		300 00		1,400	1,200	10	117	791	394	245	152	602	87	237	25	2,244	136 51	419		17					
Laurel.....	15 00			1,280	1,288	7	90	520	270	190	70	396	80	170	20	1,600	72 00	70		35	25		5 00		
Moscow.....	8 00	2,100 00		800	800	4	66	500	190	250	60	375	66	209	10	1,200	150 00	380	55	55					
New Richmond.....		50 00		800	630	1	12	130	70	25	35	90	9	25		125	75 00	40		13					
Higginsport and Chgo.....	5 00			725	420																				
Goshen.....	14 30			890	793	2	23	127	94	20	13	123	28	90	36	500	102 98	70		18					
Total.....	\$199 55	\$7,074 24	\$5,765	\$25,869	\$25,186	66	909	6,992	2,447	2,045	1,297	4,339	673	1,396	312	12,341	\$3,123 44	2,763	180	499	285	100	\$224 00	\$15 53	\$2,442 75
WEST CINCINNATI DISTR'T.																									
Cincinnati: St. Paul.....	60 00		25,000	4,000	4,000	2	54	581			110	355		20	580	475 00	300		60						
Mears Chapel.....				1,500	1,500	1	18	167	25	92	50	100	18	12	5	250	100 00	150		20					
St. John's.....	17 20		13,000	1,000	1,000	1	29	278	47	160	71	182	29	34		287	213 27	150		30					
Christie.....				2,000	2,000	1	36	300							1,000			300		40			41 20		



CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.					SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.																	SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.		
	Am't Raised for Sup- port of Bishops.....	Amount Raised for Building and Improv- ing Churches and Par- sonages.....	Indebtedness on Chur- ches and Parsonages.....	Claims for Ministerial Support.....	Receipts for Ministerial Support.....	No. of Sunday-schools..	No. of Officers and Teachers .....	No. of Scholars of all ages.....	Scholars 15 years old and over.....	Scholars under 15 ex- cept Infant Class.....	Scholars in Inf. Class..	Av. Attendance Teach- ers and Scholars.....	Officers and Teachers Ch. mems. or probats.,	Scholars who are Chh mems. or probats.....	No. of Conversions.....	No. of Library Books..	Expenses of Schools this year .....	S. S. Advocates taken..	S. S. Classmates taken..	S. S. Journals taken....	No. Good News taken....	No. of Picture Lesson Papers taken.....	For Bible Society.....	For Education on Chil- dren's-day .....	Other Collections .....
South Springf'd Miss'n Urbana: First Church.....				\$1,200	\$1,200	1	13	97	35	45	17	62	12		119	\$27 75				10	50			\$42 80	
Second Church.....	\$13 85			1,280	1,280	1	31	266				200			800										
King's Creek.....		\$2,375 00		1,510	1,510	7	90	477	223	199	65	385	90	226	93	100 00		100							
Mingo and Tabor.....		50 00	\$225	830	830	2	27	164	89	47	27	59	24	48	2	190	50 00	45		20					
North Lewisburg.....		500 00		1,000	1,000	2	25	275	60	165	50		25	50	20	300	70 00	150		18					
East Liberty.....	10 00			700	700	4	33	291				194	33	11	250	50 00	106		26						
Tremont.....		500 00		860	860	4	50	500	185	245	70	400	47	180	50	350	40 00	300		2			\$10 00		
Mechanicsburg.....				900	900	1	25	275				200	23		400	45 00	100		20						
Catawba.....		500 00	85	1,153	1,153	7	85	465	179	196	90	315	80	270	85	765	45 20	175		13					
Moorefield.....	2 00	2,100 00	350	580	660	2	21	155	93	27	35	108	17	70	30	500	50 00	58		16					
South Charleston.....	5 00	20 00		1,080	1,080	2	33	213					33	40		1,500	75 00	100		22					
Yellow Springs.....	13 35			940	940	1	18	123	20	80	23	75	17			150	33 00	50		14					
Old Town.....				590	570	5	51	324	155	111	58	240	45	69		850	23 87	120							
Jamestown.....				1,705	1,705	6	102	660	268	268	95	453	66	202	16	750	380 02	149		57					
Xenia: First Church.....		750 00	100	1,420	1,420	1	37	320	115	95	108	220	36			400	244 50	125	100	25	75				
Trinity.....	9 60			1,000	635	1	25	201	82	54	65	109	25	53	6	800	77 75	125							
New Burlington.....		2,000 00	1,000	1,280	1,280	5	50	300										50							
Waynesville.....		75 00	1,100	833	788	1	26	244	125	68	51	125	25	70	40	276	85 00	100	13	21	8		25 00		
Union.....	10 00			1,600	1,600	7	109	557	309	156	92	361	72	181	13	1,350	91 66	220		15					
Raysville & Merrittst'n.		1,807 00	121	420	300	2	20	171	93	50	28	106	10	18			10 00	28							
Morrow.....		160 00		750	600	2	34	245	95	90	60	176	18	50		300	92 85	138		22					
Total.....	\$70 55	\$20,837 00	\$3,981	\$24,781	\$24,161	68	1003	7,016	2,238	1,999	1,152	4,355	793	1,527	376	11,420	\$1,952 61	2,728	113	372	8	125	\$35 00		\$697 80
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																									
Hillsboro.....		200 00		1,410	1,410	1	42	325	200	55	70	250	42	225	27	270	50 00	100		29				200 00	
Greenfield.....	16 80			1,200	1,200	1	35	215	110	60	45	175	34	100	6	100	39 00			20	250				
New Lexington.....				1,430	1,288	9	160	620	310	200	110	500	78	120	15	1,500	40 00	150							
Highland.....		438 00	162	1,050	741	8	80	503	237	266		372	88	137	25	1,155	51 00	90		14					
Sinking Springs.....	28 00			1,300	1,300	11	101	683	200	325	158	484	94	131	50	450	100 00	380		10			2 50		
West Union.....			1,400	905	780	5	35	250								300		110							
Winchester.....		3,175 00		800	700	6	43	443	240	144	50	338	40	180	31	659	298 10	79		31					
Sardinia.....		110 40		1,131	771	6	80	583				400	50		25	550	66 50	121							
Lynchburg.....																800									
Wilmington.....		3,000 00		1,085	1,085	1	17	200				70	145	17	50	200	100 00	75		16	50		5 00		
Clarksville.....		180 00				9	110	634	304	217	121	409	71	151		750	64 60	211		44					
Bowersville.....		675 00		743	743	4	49	295	187	104	73	225	42	121	50	345	53 50	102							
Batavia.....		5,000 00		1,350	1,200	9	120	600				75	500	100		800	150 00	225		50					
Felicity.....				848	836	1	24	150	80	40		119	22				25 00	50		10			6 50		
Bethel.....		166 00		643	643	4	44	299	152	109	38	214	42	157	3	330	33 42	78		6			7 20		

Feesburg.....	1,730 00	1,178	1,178	10	98	618	255	232	56	457	60	150	50	590	93 00	276	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Ripley.....	300 00	5,000	1,200	1	34	300	75	35	40	150	33	75	12	500	200 00	150	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown.....		48	748	1	17	160	54	46	60	108	13	40	...	250	27 00	.....	...	10	...	...	3 36	.....	.....
Decatur.....	300 00		1,068	5	56	445	130	163	152	240	30	94	13	.....	233 00	150	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Manchester.....	\$10 00	550 00	800	3	28	268	105	110	53	160	28	75	6	200	34 00	88	82	...	88	...	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburg.....			898	2	35	233	85	100	50	193	32	75	24	650	32 75	75	...	35	...	...	7 75	.....	.....
Marathon.....			550	4	52	247	128	69	50	193	40	150	35	700	95 00	66	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$54 80	\$15,824 40	\$6,610	\$20,237	\$19,014	109	1,296	8,553	2,852	2,275	1,321	5,632	956	1,984	422	1,199	\$1,785 87	2,570	88	275	88	\$32 31	\$200 00

## RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.						SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.														SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.					
	Am't Raised for Sup- port of Bishops.....	Amount Raised for Building & Improv- ing Churches and Parsonages.....	Indebtedness on Ch'ces and Parsonages.....	Claims for Ministerial Support.....	Receipts for Ministe- rial Support.....		No. of Sunday-schools	No. of Officers and Teachers.....	No. of Scholars of all ages.....	Scholars 15 years old and over.....	Scholars under 15 ex- cept Infant Class....	Scholarship Inf. Class.	Av. Attendance Teach- ers and Scholars....	Officers and Teachers Ch. mems. or probats	No. of Conversions...	No. of Library Books.	Expenses of Schools this year.....	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Classmates taken	S. S. Journals taken..	No. Good News taken.	No. of Picture Lesson Papers taken. ....	For Bible Society....	For Education on Chil- dren's day .....	Other Collections.....	
East Cincinnati.....	\$199 55	\$7,674 24	\$5,765	\$25,869	\$25,186		66	909	6992	2447	2045	1297	4339	673	312	12,341	\$3,123 44	2,763	180	499	285	100	\$224 00	\$15 53	\$2,442 75	
West Cincinnati.....	115 24	29,671 00	51,910	27,310	26,152		52	759	6198	1811	1888	1187	4131	469	1213	198	7,695	2,959 82	2,970	245	632	225	70	110 20	.....	120 00
Dayton.....	75 72	10,670 00	3,730	21,782	18,764		56	823	6259	1636	1197	1210	3500	591	973	310	7,220	1,919 27	2,425	60	446	125	150	270 05	.....	67 00
Springfield.....	70 55	20,837 00	3,981	24,731	24,161		68	1003	7016	2238	1999	1152	4355	793	1527	376	11,420	1,952 61	2,728	113	372	8	125	35 00	.....	697 80
Hillsboro.....	54 80	15,824 40	6,610	20,237	19,014		109	1296	8553	2852	2275	1321	5632	956	1984	422	11,099	1,785 87	2,570	88	275	88	300	32 31	.....	200 00
Grand Total.....	515 86	84,676 64	71,996	119,979	113,277		351	4790	35018	10984	9404	6167	21957	348	7093	1618	49,775	11,741 10	13,456	686	2224	731	745	\$671 56	\$15 53	\$3,527 55
Total last year.....		111,996 00	60,704	117,121	1 2,043		355	4721	35372	10246	9672	5701	20985	2985	5921	1795	56,038	12,991 30	13,055	.....	1529	.....	.....	869 93	.....	.....
Increase .....	515 86		11,292	2,858	1,234			69		738		466	972	497	1172				401	.....	695	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease .....		27,319 36					4		354		268					177	6,263	1,250 20					198 37			

## MEMOIRS.

## REV. WESLEY RECTOR.

REV. WESLEY RECTOR was born near Tremont, Champaign County, Ohio, May 31, 1837. He was the son of Conoway and Anna Rector, zealous Christians and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In this faith young Rector was faithfully instructed by his godly parents, and grew to manhood a moral youth, with the fear of God before his eyes, and a constant attendant on the means of grace.

About the 1st of February, 1856, Rev. E. H. Field commenced a series of meetings at Tremont, which resulted in the conversion of about sixty souls, among them the subject of this memoir. The date of his conversion is the seventeenth of the above month. He immediately commenced to exercise in public, by testifying to the power of Divine grace to save, praying in public, and in his father's family. Wesley soon gave promise of usefulness to the Church. For more than two years after the above meeting, there was a constant service, both in Summer and in Winter, in the church at Tremont. It was no uncommon thing to have from five to fifteen at the altar for prayers, at the Wednesday night prayer-meeting; and souls were converted and added to the Church almost every week.

Young Rector was ever active and zealous at all these meetings, frequently exhorting with power and signal success. He was licensed to exhort January 2, 1858, and to preach, by Rev. J. F. Chalfant, March 24, 1863, and in both relations, as an exhorter and local preacher, he was diligent. He was married to Miss Sarah Kiblinger in the Autumn of 1858, with whom he lived happily for ten years, when she passed into the unending joys above, leaving a young daughter, who still lives to mourn the loss of both her parents. In the years 1864-5, brother Rector was employed by Dr. Marlay, Presiding Elder of the Urbana District, as a supply on Addison Circuit. Here he was useful and highly esteemed by all. Subsequently, he served the Catawba Circuit as a supply, giving very general satisfaction to all.

Soon after the death of his wife, he determined to devote his life to the work of the ministry. He accordingly disposed of his temporal interests, and entered the University at Delaware, Ohio, that he might better qualify himself for the work of God. He spent two years in college, applying himself with earnestness and fidelity to his studies. During this time his soul went out after sinners; and frequently, on Saturdays and Sabbaths, he would go out into the regions around about, seeking for the lost; and he was made the honored instrument, in the hands of God, in bringing many to a knowledge of salvation by faith in Christ.

At the annual session of the Cincinnati Conference, held at Dayton in August, 1871, Wesley Rector was admitted on trial, and appointed to Lockington Circuit. In this field of labor he was eminently successful, bringing it up to a spiritual and financial point never occupied by it before. At the close of this, his first and only year in the Conference, a



very unanimous request was made for his return, and he received his second appointment accordingly.

But he never returned to his work. He went from the session of Conference, held at Eaton, in apparent good health, to his father's home, to make the final arrangements for a second marriage with a most estimable young lady, every way worthy of him. But God ordered otherwise; for almost immediately on his return home, he was stricken down with typhoid fever, which did its work rapidly and surely. In about one week of great, patient suffering, nature yielded, and death entered.

On September 26, 1872, about two o'clock in the morning, he requested his mother and aunt, who were watching with him, to leave him alone for a few moments; which wish was immediately complied with. After an absence of less than two minutes, his mother returned to his chamber, and immediately discovered that he had left the room. Search was instituted without delay; neighbors alarmed, and came to the assistance of the family. Near half an hour elapsed before he was discovered. When at last his aged and anxious father found him, it was about three hundred yards east of the house. On leaving the room, he had passed out of the door-yard, and, after going two hundred yards or more, opened and passed through a large gate, and thence across the road, and after taking down a pair of bars and laying them carefully on the fence, he went near one hundred yards farther, where he was first discovered by his father, quite dead. His almost unexpected death, and in this tragical manner, produced a profound sensation in the community.

During his sickness, he frequently spoke of his peace and prospects in the most satisfactory manner; and while we are not permitted to record any words of triumph from his dying lips, we can look to his life for his testimony of the power of the blood of Christ to save. For more than a year before his death he was a constant and living witness to the doctrine of entire sanctification. His last sermon was preached, during the session of the Conference at Eaton, from Hebrews vii, 25: "Wherefore he is able to save," etc. A most appropriate testimony with which to close the work of so devoted a life as his.

Brother Rector was a preacher of more than ordinary ability, a genial friend, and a faithful pastor. His personal appearance was attractive, and he possessed a fine address. He was healthful and vigorous; but with all these noble qualities, he has suddenly passed from among us, loved most by those who knew him best; and in his early death we are timely admonished to "be also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

J. G. BLACK.

#### REV. GEORGE J. CONNER.

REV. GEORGE J. CONNER was born in Frederick, Maryland, April 9, 1829, and died at Rainsboro, Ohio, April 1, 1873. When fourteen years of age he was converted, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, under the labors of Rev. Robert Emory. At that time none of his family were Methodist, his father being a Roman Catholic and the mother a Lutheran; yet, in his own words, "I went home that night,



and asked mother if I might pray with the family; and she, loving me tenderly, obtained my father's consent. I kneeled, and offered a weak, trembling prayer; but God accepted it, and ever after we had a family altar." Brother Conner was instrumental in leading his father, mother, and sisters to Christ, and witnessed the triumphant death of both parents a few years after his own conversion.

Being convinced of his call to the work of the ministry, he entered Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in his eighteenth year, and prosecuted the regular collegiate course, graduating with credit to himself and the institution. While attending college, he led a class of students, and was also superintendent of the Sabbath-school of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Carlisle. He also studied medicine, and received the degree of M. D., and also a diploma from the Dental College of Baltimore.

Brother Conner was the successor of Rev. K. Pierce, as Principal of Cassville Seminary, a position which he gave up after eighteen months' successful operation, and became a member of the East Baltimore Conference. In 1859, he joined the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and at the commencement of the war was stationed in Spottsylvania; but, finding that hostilities were inevitable, he removed with his family to Parkersburg, West Virginia. There he opened a seminary for young ladies, which gave fair promise of a successful career until death bereaved him of his much-loved wife.

Again he entered the ministry of the Church, South, under the direction of the West Virginia Conference. His appointments were Catlettsburg and Ashland, Kentucky. At the latter place, in addition to filling the position and performing the duties of a pastor, he undertook the conducting of an academy with nearly a hundred pupils. As the Winter advanced, brother Conner found that he had so much overtaken his physical powers that some of these labors must be given up, and therefore abandoned a lucrative and interesting school, to continue his calling as a preacher of the Gospel.

In 1870, he came to the Cincinnati Conference, and was appointed as a supply on Vienna Circuit. In 1871, he was admitted into the Conference in full connection, and assigned to Venice Circuit, and in 1872 to Highland Circuit, where he labored faithfully until near Christmas, when, by disease, he was forced to retire from active service. For nearly four months he suffered intensely, but patiently, being wonderfully sustained by Divine grace.

His death-scene was one of holy triumph and ecstatic joy. To his sister-in-law he said, as she bent near to catch his whispered words: "I am going soon; I am resting, resting sweetly on the Rock—the Rock of Ages. All my hope is in Christ; he keeps me; every moment his grace is sufficient for me—my stay, my comfort." At another time he said: "I rest in Jesus; I feel secure in the atonement; from this my mind does not waver; but I have had a great conflict with the enemy, in striving to plead for the blessing of perfect love. I did enjoy that blessing once." One evening the family gathered in the parlör for worship, conducted by his wife. As that wife, with a crushed and aching heart, pleaded, in earnest prayer and with unwavering faith, for

God's sustaining grace and Heaven's richest blessing on her dying husband, her prayer was heard and answered in her behalf. The holy baptism descended upon him, and, as she entered his room, he exclaimed: "Glory! glory! glory! while you were engaged in prayer the blessing came. I have had sweet peace all day; now I am fully satisfied." To Rev. Martin Redkey, a local preacher of his charge, he said: "I have had such a glorious vision of my heavenly home; but I am most impressed with the NEARNESS of it. O, to think I am so near the end of all my sorrows, all my sufferings—so near to my eternal home—while you in point of time may be so far away! I would not exchange places with you for the world." In this pleasant frame of mind, washed in the cleansing blood, and filled with the fullness of a Savior's love, he lingered until about two o'clock A. M., April 1st, when, without a struggle or a groan, he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus.

In the death of Rev. George J. Conner, the Church has lost an efficient minister and faithful pastor. Earth is poorer, heaven is richer. He left a wife and four children, to sorrow and weep at his grave; but not "as others which have no hope." They expect to meet again "on the banks beyond the river," where scattered groups are gathered, where broken families are reunited, and where all who die in Jesus live together with the Lord.

As a preacher, brother Conner was careful and methodical in the preparation of his sermons, and, with a pleasant, well-trained voice, was able to deliver his messages impressively. Naturally reserved, yet capable of the most devoted friendship; a man of noble, generous impulses, with a mind clear and quick in its perceptions; thorough in his attainments; of extensive, elevating culture,—he possessed the qualifications of an influential minister of Christ. In public life, or in the retirement of home, he was ever the same high-toned Christian gentleman—unassuming, yet dignified—illustrating in his life and death the divine and saving power of that Gospel which he preached to others.

#### REV. ABRAHAM B. WAMBAUGH.

REV. ABRAHAM B. WAMBAUGH was born in Huntington County, New Jersey, October 26, 1815. When but two years old, his parents carried him to Ohio, where he had resided, with some short intervals, ever since.

At the age of thirteen years, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and soon felt it his duty to enter the ministry. Thirty-five years ago, on the 6th of September, 1838, at a quarterly-meeting, of which Rev. J. B. Finley was presiding elder, and Judge Chambers secretary, held in the woods, Twin Township, Preble County, Ohio, A. B. Wambaugh was unanimously recommended to the Ohio Annual Conference as a suitable person to be admitted on trial in the traveling connection, and was duly received at the ensuing session of the Conference. His fields of labor were the following: 1838-39, Jamestown; 1839-40, Bellefontaine; 1840-41, East Liberty; 1841-42, Jamestown; 1842-43, Columbus; 1843-44, Circleville. During this year he was married to his present bereaved widow, then Miss Sarah P. Sells, of Columbus, Ohio—a graduate of Worthington Female Seminary, and a most excellent Christian lady.

At the close of the year, on account of failing health, he located, and studied law, and began its practice in the courts of the State, and for some six years he pursued this calling. All this time, however, his mind was ill at ease—he felt it his duty to be about his Master's work.

In 1861, the pastor of the Church at Milford entered the army, and brother Wambaugh was sent there as a supply. The next year, a vacancy occurring at Ripley, he was sent there as a supply, and at the end of this year he was readmitted into the Conference, and returned to Ripley.

His next appointment was High-street, Springfield, where he remained three years. In this charge, his quiet, unobtrusive spirit won all hearts, and his continuance in the charge for three consecutive years is evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by the people.

His next appointment was Asbury Charge, Cincinnati, where he remained two years. His next field of labor was Avondale, then Mt. Washington, where he labored only one year. He was not removed from that charge because the appointment was not pleasant to him and the people whom he served, for they gave him up with great reluctance. At the last session of the Conference, 1872, held at Eaton, the Preacher's Relief Society determined to send an agent into the field, and A. B. Wambaugh was chosen as peculiarly adapted to the position. His well known sympathy with the objects of the Society induced the managers to ask his appointment. With his consent, the bishop granted the request of the Society, and brother Wambaugh, making very serious sacrifices, entered at once upon the work assigned him. He traveled extensively through the territory of the Conference, preaching where he had opportunity, advocating the claims of the Society, and creating in almost every place a deep sympathy in the hearts of the people for the worn-out preachers, and the families of those who were destitute. The record of his year's labor is with his brethren.

But it is in the closing scene the living feel the deepest interest—that supreme moment which brings to view in clear lines the peculiar characteristics of the man.

He had made a previous arrangement to accompany the writer, on Saturday, the 16th of August, to Gordon, Darke County. He did so, and we lodged together at the house of brother G. H. Post. He talked far into the night about the Church and her various enterprises. He rose on Sabbath morning with buoyancy of spirits, congratulating himself on having found such a pleasant temporary home. He attended Sabbath-school in the morning, and at the request of the superintendent delivered a very touching address. He was requested to preach in the morning; but declined on the ground that it was the pastor's last visit, and that it was fitting he should occupy the pulpit at that hour. "But," said he, "I will supplement that by preaching in the afternoon." This he did, to the delight of the congregation. His text was 1 John i, 9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." When he came to speak of the faithfulness and justice of God, there was a fervid eloquence that fastened the attention of the audience; "and frequently," says the informant, "a super-human or heavenly smile played over his countenance."

On Sabbath morning, in company with the writer, he returned to

Brookville. On the way he was particularly interesting, and expressed the hope that his pleasant visit to Gordon would result in good. Arriving at the parsonage, it was proposed to drive over to his father's; but he promptly declined the offer, and, springing out of the buggy in his happiest mood, passed up street. He had arranged to visit Delaware on Tuesday, and had his trunk all ready; but not feeling well, he deferred starting till evening. When evening came, he thought he would be out most of the night, and he would not start till morning. In the morning he found himself unwell, and did not start. Between eight and nine o'clock in the evening, I called to see him. He was lying on the lounge, but rose, and said he had been feeling badly, but hoped the simple remedies he had been using would soon check the disease, and seemed very hopeful, and even cheerful. He alluded to the fact of having made a partial engagement with brother J. F. Loyd to attend the Shiloh camp-meeting, but had about concluded to spend the Sabbath with me at Brookville.

At one o'clock, Thursday morning, I was summoned to his room, taking Dr. Connor with me. It was apparent then that he was struggling with that fearful disease, cholera. He said to the doctor on entering, "I have not given you a fair chance; it is too late." He soon began to suffer from cramping in his lower limbs; but no murmur escaped his lips. He cheerfully took all the remedies offered him, and contended manfully with the fearful disease. His wife and children were absent at Ripley. He expressed a desire to see them, and they were summoned by telegraph. When satisfied that the message had been sent, he was comforted. He desired some water; having drunk it, he said, "That is one of God's gifts. That," said he, "is a great text—the *water of life*." Then he quoted, "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." At another time he said: "I think I have finished my course: I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness. It is all right whichever way this may terminate."

His sister arrived from Dayton soon after ten o'clock A. M. He at once recognized her, and seemed gratified. He desired to be raised up in his bed, but he was too weak to bear it. "Has it come to this?" said he. "Is it possible I am reduced to this in so short a time?" About this time his arms began cramping, and the dew of death to settle on his brow; the monster was conquering. Dr. C. Gish had been called in the morning as counsel, and both physicians labored manfully to arrest the disease, but all in vain. At three o'clock P. M., August 14, 1873, Rev. A. B. Wambaugh ceased at once to work and live. He quit the world in great composure, without a struggle or a sigh.

Brother Wambaugh, as a preacher, possessed more than ordinary ability. He was dignified, yet earnest; chaste in his expressions, yet free from pedantry. With a clear understanding of his subjects, his discourses were always instructive and entertaining. He was among the safest counselors in the Cincinnati Conference. His legal knowledge made his services at times exceedingly valuable.

In person, brother Wambaugh always presented a dignified appearance, having a keen sense of Christian propriety; and this characteristic was preserved as long as consciousness lasted. He was reserved in the

company of strangers, but with intimate friends he was extremely social and very agreeable. To love him, one had only to know him.

His genial and quiet spirit rests on the bosom of his God, and his body in Woodland Cemetery, near the city of Dayton, till summoned by the trump of God to join that disembodied spirit. May God comfort the hearts of the bereaved widow and orphans!

W. N. WILLIAMS,  
W. HERR.

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**MRS. SARAH A. RUST.**

MRS. S. A. RUST, wife of Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, departed this life January 28, 1873.

She was born in Middletown, Connecticut, and, in very early life, gave herself to Christ, and united with the Congregational Church of that city—entering with the zeal of her youthful piety every open door of usefulness. For several years she was assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school of this Church, and labored most earnestly in gathering poor and neglected children, and pointing them to Him who says, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

In the year 1841 she was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Rev. R. S. Rust, then a member of the New England Conference, and for thirty-two years bore the burdens and made the sacrifices peculiar to the families of itinerant Methodist preachers. She was a cheerful co-worker with her husband in every field of labor which he was called to enter in the order and economy of the Church, leading souls to Christ and consoling by her presence and active sympathy those who were in distress. It can be said of her in truth, she was a "help-meet" to him who chose her as the companion of his joys and sorrows, never hindering, but ever helping, him in the office and work of the ministry. Her piety was deep and positive in its character, and yet unobtrusive. Love for the Holy Scriptures and private prayer was a marked peculiarity of her Christian life. Daily were hours thus spent in searching the mind of the Spirit and holding communion with God. She took great delight in the house of the Lord, and was never happier than when worshiping in the beauty of holiness.

For several years preceding her death, she devoted herself with great earnestness to the work of God in connection with the "Cincinnati Union Bethel," an institution that directs its efforts especially to the poor and neglected of the city. In teaching a class in that great mission Sunday-school, in visiting the poor in their wretched homes, and in making garments for the destitute, she took great delight; and when her health, which had been failing for many years, gave way, so that she felt compelled to desist from labor, it was to her a great trial. But in the feebleness of ebbing life she was able to say, "Father, not my will, but thine be done."

A few days before her death, the remark was made in her hearing that her youngest son was under religious awakening, and had re-entered the Sunday-school of Trinity Church. She calmly remarked, "I have



been praying for him from his birth, and believe God will answer my prayers, and convert my son." Thank God! the mother's prayers have been answered. Mrs. Rust's faith and love for the Scriptures never forsook her; and, though very feeble for days before she fell asleep in Jesus, yet she would call for the Bible, and try to trace its hallowed lines. A short time before she breathed her last, she asked the nurse who waited on her for her mother's Bible, and opened at the twenty-third Psalm; and while her eyes grew dim in death, her fingers were tracing the beautiful words: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Thus sweetly and calmly this saint of God fell asleep in Christ.

THOMAS LEE.

#### MRS. MARY SUTHERLAND.

MARY SUTHERLAND was born September 8, 1823, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. In her eighth year she emigrated with her parents to Springfield, Ohio. Here, in April, 1840, under the ministry of Rev. Wm. Young, she was converted and baptized, and joined the old Columbia-street Church. August 28, 1845, she was united, by Rev. W. Herr, in marriage with Rev. Wm. H. Sutherland, now of the Cincinnati Conference. For more than twenty-five years she shared with him the toils, the trials, and the joys of the itinerancy. She was a dutiful daughter, an affectionate wife, a devoted mother, a faithful friend. Truth, prudence, purity, and benevolence were predominant traits in her character. In all her life she never uttered an untruth. She avoided that outward adorning of putting on apparel, but chose rather "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." Naturally timid, she shrank from conspicuity; and few, even of her intimate friends, were fully aware of the gift of God which was in her, until it was developed in the reception and influence of the blessing of perfect love. This "pearl of great price" she sought and obtained, February 19, 1870, at the altar of prayer. Of this "great grace" she was ever a humble, a prudent, and yet a courageous confessor. She never offensively obtruded the subject on any; and yet never "hid her light under a bushel." "A godly walk," "a holy conversation," a life abounding "in every good word and work," evinced to all the sincerity of her profession and the divinity of her religion. Her fatal illness was fibroid tumor of the throat. Her sufferings, which at times were excruciating, were protracted for ten months. During these weary months she was unmurmuring, submissive, serene, and cheerful—willing to live, and yet ready, even desirous, "to depart and be with Christ," which she was assured would be "far better." She would frequently exclaim: "I never appreciated so highly as now this blessing of *full* salvation. What should I, what *could* I now do, without the support and comfort of God's perfect love?" To the writer she often said, "I am *waiting*—waiting for the rumbling of his chariot-wheels." To her husband and relations it seemed deeply mysterious that one so innocent and so useful should be so great a sufferer. A single remark of hers was sufficient to resolve the mystery. Her husband had been reading to her about those white-vestured ones before

the Throne, who came out of great tribulation, and "who had washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb," when she exclaimed, "I know what it is to be washed in the blood of the Lamb, yet I have had but little tribulation in my life, and I suppose I am receiving my portion now." Her triumph over death was complete and glorious. "Jesus loves me!" "Jesus is precious!" "All is well!" "I see my way clear to glory!" "Not a cloud, not a shadow!" were among her dying declarations. Her last intelligible words, uttered while her features beamed with unearthly radiance, were, "Farewell! Farewell!" Thus, on Monday morning, October 28th, passed away from earth to heaven our beloved sister, one of the purest, gentlest, and most unselfish of beings. Her husband, her children, and the large circle of her relatives and friends, miss her—O how sadly! But they sorrow in hope of a happy reunion in the better land. A. MEHARRY.

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#### MRS. LUCINDA BOUCHER.

MRS. LUCINDA BOUCHER, the subject of this memoir, and the wife of the Rev. Joshua Boucher, was born in Cincinnati, March 31, 1800, and departed this life on the 2d of October, 1872, at Kingston, Caldwell County, Missouri. The example and counsels of a pious mother made a deep impression upon her young and tender heart, and it may be said in truth, she feared the Lord from her childhood. But it was not until 1817 that she was made happy in the consciousness of sins forgiven. Immediately she connected herself with the Methodist Episcopal Church. On the 2d of April, 1820, at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Miss Munsell became the wife of brother Boucher, from which time to the close of life she joyfully fulfilled the duties, patiently endured the trials, and courageously met the responsibilities incident to the life of a Methodist preacher's wife.

Born in the West, and for nearly three-quarters of a century identified with its rapid and astonishing growth, and for more than half a century connected with the historic scenes and events of Methodism, she beheld with gratitude the displays of the Divine power in the spread and upbuilding of the Church of her love, and the wonderful achievements of man in subduing the "wilderness," and making it "blossom as the rose."

For a number of years after her marriage, brother Boucher's fields of labor were in the South-west, and were distributed through Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi. The circuits in that day were large, the rides were long, and the work laborious. They were days of self-sacrifice, and demanded moral heroism. Sister Boucher cheerfully accompanied her husband to his different fields of labor. Personal ease and comfort were never sought at the expense of duty. It was her delight to aid him in his great work, and much she rejoiced when souls were saved.

Removals were not then made with the ease with which they are now effected. Travel was mostly performed on horseback. An incident in sister Boucher's experience, while in the South, will illustrate the



difficulties then encountered, the self-denial then practiced, in itinerant life. After a ride of two hundred miles on horseback, with an infant in her arms, in order to reach the appointment to which her husband had been assigned, she was compelled to abide with strangers, while he went to the forest, felled the trees, and built a parsonage for her reception.

Thus it was that Methodism pioneered the Gospel over the West. Its mission was often fulfilled in suffering, but its labors were crowned with glorious success. The writer is not apprised in what year brother Boucher removed to Ohio. As a consequent of this removal, his fields of labor were less extended, and his family enjoyed increased comforts. The law of freedom was written on the soil of Ohio. The skill and energy of free labor was rapidly developing the resources of the state, and the moral field was whitening for the harvest. Here was work for the toiler; and sister Boucher, that her husband might be untrammelled in the discharge of his public duties, assumed the principal care and management of her growing family. And well she discharged the duties of the wife and mother. She guarded the reputation of her husband, sought the spiritual and temporal good of her children, and had their confidence and affection. The burden of domestic cares, though great, was not suffered to interfere with the cultivation of personal religion. She loved the public means of grace, and was prompt in her attendance upon them on every available occasion. Her piety was calm, deep, and uniform; her walk was with God; her conversation such as became the Gospel. One who knew her well has said, "She was never known to speak an unkind word, or be guilty of an imprudent act." There are those yet living, at Troy, Piqua, Urbana, and Springfield, who can testify to the light and force of her example. But her love for the Savior shone pre-eminently in her kindness and humanity to his poor and suffering representatives in the days of trial and of darkness, and that Savior was present and precious in the final conflict of his handmaid with the last enemy; for her daughter writes that, in response to a question as to her prospects, though unable to speak, she raised her hand in token of victory, and pointed toward heaven as her happy home.

R. BRANDRIFF.

#### MRS. ELIZABETH S. DAVISSON.

MRS. ELIZABETH SMITH DAVISSON, widow of Rev. D. D. Davisson, Cincinnati Conference, was born in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, in 1786. Of her early life no data is accessible, except the fact that, while young, she consecrated herself to Christ, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1819, she became the wife of that noble, holy itinerant minister, Rev. Dr. Davisson, and thereafter shared with him, upward of fifty-two years, the changes and trials incident to the traveling connection. Though naturally of a desponding temperament, yet encouraged by the cheerful, patient spirit and holy example of her husband, and sustained by the grace of God, she held on her way until deprived of his companionship, in 1871. At the time of the death of Dr. Davisson, Mother Davisson was very feeble, and few thought she would long survive him. In the good providence of God, she was soon removed from

her residence, in Dayton, to the home of her niece, Mrs. Sullivan, near West Liberty, Ohio. Her beautiful new rural home, the fresh air, and the tender, watchful care of her niece, seemed to inspire her with renewed vitality and vigor. Hence she lingered longer than was anticipated. But, some months before her death, nature began to fail, and, without suffering, she was reduced to the condition of extreme feebleness, both physically and mentally. Her trust in God remained as long as she had capacity to comprehend the subject of religion and express her personal experience. At length, on Wednesday, May 7, 1873, aged eighty-seven, the "weary wheels of life stood still." Her remains were brought to Dayton, and, after appropriate religious services by her pastor, Rev. T. Collett, in Raper Chapel, she was buried in Woodland Cemetery, by the side of her husband, Dr. Davisson, the sacred resting-place of whom, in due time, will be adorned with a beautiful monument.

W. HERR.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

JAMES F. CHALFANT, P. E.

CINCINNATI: *Wesley Chapel*—Wm. I. Fee.

*Trinity*—D. H. Moore.

*Asbury*—J. E. Gilbert.

*Pearl-street*—A. Bowers.

*Mt. Auburn*—J. T. Short.

*Walnut Hills*—Wm. L. Hypes.

*Grace Church*—A. D. Raleigh.

*M'Kendree*—G. W. Kelley.

*Pendleton and Columbia*—J. Verity.

*Madisonville*—E. T. Wells.

*Mt. Washington*—M. Kauffman.

*Newtown*—T. J. Euans.

*Milford*—W. B. Moler.

*Centenary*—S. N. Marsh.

*Loveland and Maineville*—H. C. Middleton.

*Lebanon*—J. Murray.

*South Lebanon and Zoar*—To be supplied.

*Goshen*—J. F. Loyd.

*Morrow*—Wm. Young.

*Waynesville*—J. Pearson.

*New Burlington*—H. Stokes.

XENIA: *First Church*—J. F. Marlay.

*Trinity*—D. J. Starr.

*Miami Circuit*—C. H. Kalbfus. One to be supplied.

J. F. Wright, Conference Evangelist, member of Walnut Hills Quarterly Conference.

J. M. Walden, Agent Western Book Concern, member of Madisonville Quarterly Conference.

R. S. Rust, Corresponding Secretary of Freedmen's Aid Society, member of Trinity Quarterly Conference.

Erwin House, Assistant Editor of *Western Christian Advocate*, member of Mt. Auburn Quarterly Conference. Wm. Simmons, Agent Freedmen's Aid Society, member of Trinity Quarterly Conference, Xenia.

Thomas Lee, Superintendent of Cincinnati Union Bethel, member of Trinity Quarterly Conference.

### WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

A. LOWREY, P. E.

CINCINNATI: *St. Paul*—R. M. Hatfield.

*St. John's*—A. B. Leonard.

*Christie*—W. A. Robinson.

*Finley*—C. Ferguson.

*York-street*—A. N. Spahr.

*M'Lean*—E. M'Hugh.

*Fairmount*—J. N. Irvin.

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*Hartwell and Carthage*—W. H. Smith.

*Lockland*—S. B. Smith.

*Port Union and Glendale*—W. H. Black.

*Cheviot*—J. W. Sutherland.

*Bethany*—W. Q. Shannon.

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*Venice*—F. Hypes.

*Harrison*—J. Kendall.

*North Bend*—M. G. Baker.

*Eaton*—J. W. Cassatt.

*Camden*—R. L. Vickers.

*Seven-mile*—J. Wilson.  
*New Paris*—J. F. Hull.  
*Fair Haven and Sugar Valley*—Wm. B. Jackson.  
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           *Franklin-street*, }  
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*Concord*—C. T. Crum.  
*Lewisburg*—T. D. W. Peak.  
*Winchester and Germantown*—To be supplied.  
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*Lockington*—L. F. Young.  
*Fletcher*—H. M. Currey.  
*Paris and Lena*—J. J. Hill.  
*Brant*—J. B. Ellsworth.  
*Miamisburg*—M. Dustin.  
*Franklin*—S. A. Brewster.  
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*Fairfield*—J. G. Black.  
*New Carlisle*—C. H. Lawton.  
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*High-street*—L. Clark.  
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*Second Church*—Geo. H. Dart.  
*King's Creek Circuit*—A. W. Tibbits, T. E. Fiddler.  
*Mingo and Tabor*—J. M. Robinson.  
*North Lewisburg*—A. U. Beall.  
*East Liberty*—E. P. James.  
*Tremont*—C. Kalbfus.  
*Mechanicsburg*—W. Fitzgerald.

*Catawba*—J. Vance.  
*Moorefield*—E. Burdsall.  
*South Charleston*—J. W. Mason.  
*Yellow Springs*—Geo. C. Crum.  
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*Highland*—R. E. Smith, J. C. Boltin.  
*Sinking Springs*—E. M. Cole, J. C. Ambrose.  
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*Examination of Candidates for Admission into the Traveling Connection*—L. Clark, Thomas Collett, J. Verity.

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Armstrong, J.....	Superannuated.....	...	.....	.....
Arthur, R. A.....	Superannuated.....	...	.....	.....
Ambrose, J. C.....	Sinking Springs.....	1	Sinking Springs.....	Highland.
Aultman, D. L.....	Clarksville.....	1	Clarksville.....	Clinton.
Bail, J. T.....	Troy.....	1	Troy.....	Miami.
Baker, M. G.....	North Bend.....	1	Cleves.....	Hamilton.
Barton, J.....	Asylum.....	...	Dayton.....	Montgomery.
Beall, A. U.....	North Lewisburg.....	1	North Lewisburg.....	Champaign.
Bennett, S.....	Grace Church.....	2	Piqua.....	Miami.
Black, J. G.....	Fairfield.....	2	Fairfield.....	Greene.
Bontecou, J. C.....	Superannuated.....	...	Xenia.....	Greene.
Bowers, A.....	East Pearl-street.....	2	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Brewster, S. A.....	Franklin.....	2	Franklin.....	Warren.
Brown, S.....	Superannuated.....	...	Xenia.....	Ind.
Brandriff, R.....	Superannuated.....	...	Piqua.....	Miami.
Bugbee, L. H.....	Cincin. Wesleyan College	...	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Boucher, J.....	Superannuated.....	...	Kingston.....	Mo.
Brodbeck, W. N....	Tippecanoe and Kessler..	2	Tippecanoe City.....	Miami.
Black, W. H.....	Union and Glendale.....	1	Springdale.....	Hamilton.
Boltin, J. C.....	Highland.....	1	Rainsboro.....	Highland.
Boyer, W. M.....	West Union.....	3	West Union.....	Adams.
Burdsall, E.....	Moorefield.....	2	Moorefield.....	Clarke.
Callahan, D.....	Superannuated.....	...	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Callender, N.....	Superannuated.....	...	.....	.....
Carey, S. W.....	Red Lion and Springboro	1	Springboro.....	Warren.
Cassatt, J. W.....	Eaton.....	3	Eaton.....	Preble.
Chalfant, J. F.....	East Cincinnati District..	3	Miamiville.....	Clermont.
Clark, L.....	High-street.....	3	Springfield.....	Clarke.
Clayton, S. D.....	Hillsboro District.....	3	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Clemens, F. M.....	Middletown.....	2	Middletown.....	Butler.
Cole, E. M.....	Sinking Springs.....	1	Sinking Springs.....	Highland.
Collett, Thos.....	Raper Chapel.....	3	Dayton.....	Montgomery.
Conrey, J. F.....	Bible Agent.....	...	Urbana.....	Champaign.
Conrey, S. F.....	Jamestown.....	2	Jamestown.....	Greene.
Cowden, T. S.....	Hillsboro.....	3	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Cramer, M. J.....	Denmark.....	...	Copenhagen.....	.....
Crum, G. C.....	Yellow Springs.....	1	Yellow Springs.....	Greene.
Crum, C. T.....	Concord.....	1	Concord.....	Montgomery.
Currey, H. M.....	Fletcher.....	2	Fletcher.....	Miami.
Dart, Geo. H.....	Second Church.....	1	Urbana.....	Champaign.
Davis, L. M.....	Batavia.....	1	Batavia.....	Clermont.
Deem, J. C.....	Addison.....	2	Christiansburg.....	Champaign.
Deem, R. K.....	Winton Place.....	1	Winton Place.....	Hamilton.
Dustin, M.....	Miamisburg.....	1	Miamisburg.....	Montgomery.



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Edgar, G. M.....	Lynchburg .....	1	Lynchburg .....	Highland.
Edmiston, S. W....	Winchester .....	1	Winchester.....	Adams.
Ellsworth, J. B....	Brant .....	2	Brant .....	Montgomery.
Ellsworth, W. I....	Superannuated .....	...	Springfield .....	Clarke.
Euans, T. J.....	Newtown .....	2	Newtown .....	Clermont.
Fee, G. W.....	Laurel .....	1	Laurel.....	Clermont.
Fee, W. I.....	Wesley Chapel.....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Ferguson, C.....	Finley .....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Field, E. H.....	Supernumerary .....	...	St. Paris.....	Champaign.
Fiddler, T. E.....	King's Creek.....	2	Mutual.....	Champaign.
Fitzgerald, W....	Mechanicsburg.....	1	Mechanicsburg.....	Champaign.
Gaddis, M. P.....	Supernumerary.....	...	Yellow Springs.....	Greene.
Glasscock, B. ....	Superannuated .....	...	Hillsboro .....	Highland.
Gilbert, J. E.....	Asbury.....	2	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Gowdy, C. F.....	Butlerville .....	1	Butlerville .....	Warren.
Gregg, J. L.....	Feesburg.....	2	Feesburg.....	Brown.
Griffith, A. M.....	Union.....	3	Bellbrook .....	Greene.
Hamilton, A.....	Monroe.....	1	Monroe .....	Warren.
Harris, T. J.....	Hamilton .....	1	Hamilton .....	Butler.
Hatfield, R. M....	St. Paul.....	3	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Hayward, D. L....	Butlerville .....	1	Butlerville .....	Warren.
Herr, Wm.....	Bible Superintendent.....	...	Dayton.....	Montgomery.
Hill, J. J.....	St. Paris and Lena.....	2	St. Paris.....	Champaign.
Hines, W. E.....	Bethel.....	1	Bethel .....	Clermont.
House, E.....	Ass't Editor W. C. A.....	...	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Hull, J. F.....	New Paris.....	2	New Paris.....	Preble.
Hypes, F.....	Venice.....	2	Ross .....	Hamilton.
Hypes, W. L.....	Walnut Hills.....	3	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Hunter, J. R.....	New Lexington.....	2	Highland .....	Highland.
Irvin, J. N.....	Fairmount.....	2	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Jackson, W. B.....	Fair Haven and S. Valley	1	Fair Haven.....	Preble.
Jackson, W. P.....	Amelia .....	1	Amelia .....	Clermont.
James, E. P.....	East Liberty.....	2	East Liberty.....	Logan.
Kalbfus, C.....	Tremont.....	2	Westville .....	Champaign.
Kalbfus, C. H.....	Miami .....	1	Sharonville.....	Hamilton.
Kauffman, M.....	Mt. Washington.....	2	Mt. Washington.....	Hamilton.
Kelley, G. W.....	M'Kendree.....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Keck, H. M.....	Felicity.....	1	Felicity.....	Clermont.
Kemper, D.....	Superannuated .....	...	Lebanon.....	Warren.
Kendall, J.....	Harrison .....	1	Harrison .....	Hamilton.
Kennedy, G. H....	Sears-street .....	2	Dayton.....	Montgomery.
Ketcham, C. W....	Central Church.....	2	Springfield .....	Clarke.
Lawton, C. H.....	New Carlisle.....	2	New Carlisle.....	Clarke.
Lawder, W. H.....	Supernumerary .....	...	Hamilton .....	Butler.
Lee, T. ....	Union Bethel.....	6	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Leonard, A. B....	St. John's.....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Lowrey, A.....	West Cincinnati District.	2	Hamilton .....	Butler.
Loyd, J. F.....	Goshen .....	2	Goshen .....	Clermont.
Maddy, J. C.....	Superannuated .....	...	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Marlay, J. F.....	First Church.....	3	Xenia .....	Greene.

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Mason, J. W.....	South Charleston.....	3	South Charleston.....	Clarke.
Mathews, J. M'D..	Hillsboro College.....	...	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Maxey, W. N.....	Superannuated.....	...	Clarksville.....	Clinton.
M'Cabe, L. D.....	Prof. Ohio Wes. Univ'ty.	...	Delaware.....	Delaware.
Meharry, A.....	Springfield District.....	2	Springfield.....	Clarke.
M'Donald, N.....	Laurel.....	1	Laurel.....	Clermont.
M'Hugh, E.....	M'Lean Church.....	3	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Middleton, J. H...	Clarksville.....	1	Clarksville.....	Clinton.
Middleton, H. C...	Loveland & Maineville...	1	Loveland.....	Clermont.
Miller, Henry.....	Williamsburg.....	1	Williamsburg.....	Clermont.
Mitchell, F. G.....	Greenfield.....	1	Greenfield.....	Highland.
M'Mullen, W. T...	Marathon.....	1	Marathon.....	Clermont.
Moler, W. B.....	Milford.....	2	Milford.....	Clermont.
Moore, D. H.....	Trinity.....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Moody, G.....	Ripley District.....	1	Ripley.....	Brown.
Murphy, A.....	Superannuated.....	...	New Carlisle.....	Clarke.
Murray, J.....	Lebanon.....	3	Lebanon.....	Warren.
Marsh, S. N.....	Centenary.....	1	Mulberry.....	Clermont.
Mahon, W.....	Sardinia.....	1	Sardinia.....	Brown.
Ogden, P. A.....	Superannuated.....	...	Sidney.....	Shelby.
Parrish, N. C.....	Superannuated.....	...	Richmond.....	Indiana.
Peak, T. D. W.....	Lewisburg.....	1	Brookville.....	Montgomery.
Pearson, J.....	Waynesville.....	2	Waynesville.....	Warren.
Peregrine, J. S....	Supernumerary.....	...	...	...
Phillips, T. A. G...	Superannuated.....	...	Springboro.....	Warren.
Porter, J. P.....	Manchester.....	3	Manchester.....	Adams.
Pumphrey, J. S....	Cumminsville.....	2	Cumminsville.....	Hamilton.
Purkhiser, M. G...	Superannuated.....	...	Hillsboro.....	Highland.
Prince, N.....	Amelia.....	1	Amelia.....	Clermont.
Quarry, W. J.....	Decatur.....	3	Decatur.....	Brown.
Raleigh, A. D.....	Avondale.....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Richards, M. A...	Grace Church.....	2	Dayton.....	Montgomery.
Robinson, J. M....	Mingo and Tabor.....	2	Mingo.....	Champaign.
Robinson, W. A...	Christie.....	3	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Routledge, W. ....	Superannuated.....	...	Mulberry.....	Clermont.
Runyan, W.....	Wilmington.....	3	Wilmington.....	Clinton.
Rust, R. S.....	Sec. Freed. Aid Society...	...	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Ross, D. V.....	Decatur.....	1	Decatur.....	Brown.
Reeder, J. A.....	Superannuated.....	...	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Stokes, H.....	New Burlington.....	3	New Burlington.....	Clinton.
Sargent, D. H.....	Merrittstown.....	1	Merrittstown.....	Warren.
Shannon, W. Q....	Bethany.....	2	Bethany.....	Butler.
Shultz, J. P.....	Union.....	1	Spring Valley.....	Greene.
Shultz, J. M'K....	New Lexington.....	2	Highland.....	Highland.
Short, J. T.....	Mt. Auburn.....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Simmons, W. ....	Ag't Freed. Aid Society..	...	Xenia.....	Greene.
Smith, S. B.....	Lockland.....	2	Lockland.....	Hamilton.
Smith, R. E.....	Highland.....	1	Rainsboro.....	Highland.
Smith, E. C.....	Moscow.....	1	Bantam.....	Clermont.
Smith, W. H.....	Hartwell and Carthage..	1	Hartwell.....	Hamilton.
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Sutherland, J. W..	Cheviot.....	1	Cheviot.....	Hamilton.
Tibbits, A. W.....	King's Creek .....	2	Mutual.....	Champaign.
Vance, D. C.....	Oxford .....	1	Oxford .....	Butler.
Vance, J. ....	Catawba .....	2	Catawba.....	Clarke.
Verity, J.....	M'Kendree .....	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Vickers, R. L.....	Camden.....	1	Camden.....	Preble.
Walden, J. M.....	Book Agent.....	...	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Warnock, D. ....	Supernumerary.....	...	Urbana.....	Champaign.
Weakley, J. W....	Dayton District.....	...	Dayton .....	Montgomery.
Weaver, G. T.....	Georgetown.....	1	Georgetown.....	Clermont.
Webster, W.....	Superannuated .....	...	South Charleston....	Clarke.
Weeks, S.....	Ripley .....	1	Ripley .....	Brown.
Wells, E. T.....	Madisonville.....	1	Madisonville.....	Hamilton.
Whitmer, D.....	Jamestown.....	2	Jamestown .....	Greene.
Whitney, J. S....	New Richmond.....	1	New Richmond.....	Clermont.
Williams, W. N...	Davison Church.....	1	Dayton.....	Montgomery.
Wright, J. F.....	Conference Evangelist...	...	Cincinnati. ....	Hamilton.
Wilson, J.....	Seven-mile .....	2	Seven-mile .....	Butler.
Wells, C. J .....	Addison.....	1	Christiansburg.....	Champaign.
Young, William...	Morrow.....	1	Morrow .....	Warren.
Young, L. F .....	Lockington.....	1	Lockington.....	Shelby.
Zink, M. P.....	Batavia.....	1	Batavia.....	Clermont.

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 C. S. WALKER, (L. E.,) New Richmond, Clermont co., O.  
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 T. C. GOWDY, (L. D.,) New Richmond, Clermont co., O.  
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HEZEKIAH HILL, Owensville, Cler-  
mont co., O.

WILLIAM CARR, Owensville, Clermont  
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mont co., O.

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mont co., O.

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Clermont co., O.

N. DAILY, (L. E.,) Bantam, Clermont  
co., O.

L. W. FRANKLIN, Williamsburg, Cler-  
mont co., O.

LEWIS WOLFF, Cincinnati, O.

J. H. POWERS, Cincinnati, O.

D. J. BAKER, Cincinnati, O.

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R. VIGEON, Cincinnati, O.

J. W. HOPKINS, Cincinnati, O.

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### REPORT OF REV. J. F. WRIGHT, CONFERENCE EVANGELIST.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—Since we met at our last annual session I have entered into the seventy-ninth year of my natural life, the sixtieth of my spiritual life, and fifty-ninth of my itinerant labors. Having mentioned these epochs in my history, it seems natural for me to retrospect the pathway along which I have traveled. I find the lights of my itinerant career have been far more than its shadows. Truly, Jehovah hath been with me, and crowned my life with loving kindness and tender mercies.

One of the early duties in the work of a Methodist preacher is that of dedicating children to God in Christian baptism. These are the lambs of the fold. It is affirmed of the Chief Shepherd, "He shall gather the lambs with his arms, and carry them in his bosom." Surely, they ought to receive the tender care, instruction, and encouragement of the under-shepherd. It is difficult to appreciate the full force and importance of the question all have to answer before admission into the Conference, "Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?"

Another pleasant duty is for us to admit persons into the Church. This is usually regarded by all individuals as an *era* in their religious life, and they are apt to remember the minister who was the instrument, under God, of bringing them into the Church. At a recent camp-meeting, a devout Christian woman, of many years' acceptable standing in the Church, was speaking of her experience with great rapture; her heart was full of gratitude, her eyes with tears, and mouth with praises; she looked, a short distance, directly into my face, and said, "I thank you, brother Wright, for taking me into the Church." I have often



regretted I did not keep a register from the beginning, and record the names of all I ever received. I recollect, forty-nine years ago, I was assigned to a station in Ohio, not very large then. The great Head of the Church was pleased to send us a revival, which resulted in the accession of three hundred and sixty-three precious souls; many of whom are now in heaven. I received twelve annual appointments to districts. In this position I made the acquaintance of many exhorters in the Church; some of them were men of much grace and excellent gifts. They delivered their message as from God, "not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." There was often an indescribable unction and power attending their ministrations, and God gave them much fruit. Many of these faithful and successful workers in the Lord's vineyard have long since closed their mission on earth; they fell at their post, and have been received to the Church triumphant in heaven. It gave me great pleasure to renew annually the license of such, when approved by the quarterly conference.

In this office I had occasion to examine a good many candidates for the ministry; and, in accordance with the decision of the quarterly conference, they were licensed to preach the Gospel; others, by our action, were recommended to the annual conference for orders. I remember when we were all of the Ohio Conference, and then, when Cincinnati was organized, of bringing a good many recommendations to the Ohio and Cincinnati Conferences for admission into the itinerant connection. I represented each case fairly and frankly, and nearly every one was admitted. Some were not received because we had not room, and their recommendations were forwarded to other conferences, and they were received. Of all those who were admitted, I am glad to report a majority are still alive, and are doing a good work in the interest of the Master. Some have died in the work. Among the deceased we must number our beloved and excellent brother, Dr. Michael Marlay, who died in the midst of our Conference session, at Ripley, in 1866. Those who survive shall have my prayers, friendship, and love, until "I put off this my tabernacle."

There is another thought connected with the ministry which you will allow me to present. For some thirty years, as one of the seniors of the Conference, I have been called to assist the bishop in ordaining the elders, so that these hands have been laid on a good many of the elders of this Conference, and others who have been transferred to other conferences, when they took the vows of God upon them, and the office and work of elders committed to them by the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Then was that solemn, and we trust, effectual prayer offered for each one, "The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Ghost for the office and work of an elder in the Church of God." The sound of these words, perhaps, to-day, does not affect our hearts and thrill through our souls as when we were ordained. What an impressive service! What sacred vows! Can any who have taken the vows upon them in this solemn manner, lay them aside, and enter into other avocations of a secular and worldly nature? O, brethren, let us read our ordination vows frequently, and think of them much oftener. Never shall I forget the time at Oxford, N. C., Virginia Conference, in 1819, when, by the

imposition of the hands of that man of God, Bishop Robert R. Roberts (others assisting), I was ordained to the office and work of an elder.

We do not talk much about the apostolic succession; but we highly approve and duly appreciate the words by which we test those who think they are moved by the Holy Ghost to preach *grace, gifts, and fruit*. These are the infallible marks of the true succession, and we need no letters of commendation; but with Paul, we can say, "Ye are our epistle in our hearts, known and read of all men."

After the close of our last session, your Conference evangelist began his work, and until the last of November he accomplished about the usual amount. When the Winter set in, with its intense coldness and numerous snow-storms, my itinerant labors were much restricted, and my opportunities for preaching greatly reduced; so that the number of times I have preached fell below the eighty-eight reported for the year ending August 1, 1872. I think, however, I did what I could.

I have been striving to grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God. His love is the grand center of all experimental and practical godliness. I have made an earnest effort to have the petition of St. Paul fulfilled in my case—to be "rooted and grounded in love." This is the fruitful soil which produces every Christian grace and virtue. My aspiration has been, to be filled with the pure love of Jesus, excluding every thing inimical to it. And, above all these things, I want to "put on love, which is the bond of perfectness." And, to crown the whole, I hope always to wear the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price.

My contemporaries have nearly all passed away; comparatively few remain on the wilderness side of Jordan. I often think of the inquiry of the song,—

"Shall we gather at the river?"

It may be probable I shall meet you at your next session, and it may be the Master will call me away before the roll-call of 1874.

I ask an interest in the prayers of my endeared brethren, that, whether I live another year or die sooner, I may be wholly the Lord's.

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